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A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU,

FOR THE LIGHT OF LIFE IS BORN,

AND HIS COMING IS THE SUNSHINE

OF THE DARK AND WINTRY MORN.

THE GRANDEST ORIENT GLOW MUST PALE,

THE LOVELIEST WESTERN GLEAM MUST FAIL,

BUT HIS GREAT LIGHT,

SO FULL, SO BRIGHT,

ARISETH FOR THY HEART TO-DAY.

HIS SHADOW-CONQUERING BEAMS

SHALL NEVER PASS AWAY.— *Havergal.*

WOULD any give up? This is an important question to be individually asked at this period? The year's work is about closing. There has been some success in your part; you look it over with satisfaction,—and rightfully so, for it was conscientiously done,—but you think you cannot go on. Having labored faithfully in thinking out methods, in presenting motives, in interesting and inspiring others, you feel your work should now cease, and you are about to excuse yourself and withdraw. Are you sure there are enough to furnish the motive power, to make the repairs and supply material without you? If God has called you to the front should you think you ought to be excused? On the other hand, there are now and then those who say, "We cannot keep up our society, the members are not interested, or there is so much indifference we cannot get readers for the magazine. What shall we do?" Having put your hand would it be wise to draw back? Nothing enduring comes without effort and sacrifice. "Give thyself to that which God gives thee, and there will be recompense." You may not see it at once. The world needs all to-day who will work with energy and full hearted zeal, trusting in the Lord for present help for the present burden. We will not give up.

Do you hear the tolling? The "knell of the zenana?" A telegram from Calcutta to the *London Times*, Sept. 23, contains this wonderful statement: "At a meeting of the Senate of the Bombay University, on Monday, it was proposed by a Brahmin that in the regulations the pronoun, 'he,' and its derivations should be deemed to denote either sex. An Englishman seconded the motion, which was carried without a division. Many Hindus, Parsees, and Mohammedans were present. This will have the effect of throwing open the learned professions to women in the Western Presidency."

The Rev. Dr. Warren, President of Boston University, commenting on this action, says: "Twenty years ago what could have been more incredible than a prediction that within

two decades the imperial university of Bombay would abolish all discriminations against women — and this on the motion of a Brahmin, and with the aid of Mohammedan and Parsee votes !” . With an utterance containing a prophecy, and yet an assurance of realization, he adds, “The ‘knell of the zenana ’ (that is, of woman’s imprisonment) has been sounded, and this not only in India, but also the whole earth round.”

Do we realize how much need we have of becoming familiar with the civilization of our own country? In a recent number of the *Missionary News*, an English publication, is an article with the heading, “A Newly Opened Door,” which refers to some useful work being carried on at the Indian Reserve, Round Lake, U. S. A. It speaks of the people as heathen, but very kind and willing and glad to hear the good news. There is reason for the question to be asked if there may not be too much of truth in the above description for our comfort. It is a fact that there are sixty-eight tribes of Indians in our country not yet christianized, and the fact that any of these women should say to the missionary party coming among them, when presented with the simple gospel, “That is very good, but it is strange to us,” should appeal to our christian pride and patriotism. The National Women’s Indian Aid Association is a harbinger of good to these tribes. It needs the intelligent co-operation of all women.

ESPECIAL attention is called at this time to the resolution adopted at the last session of the General Conference of Free Baptists. It has the same force and significance as when passed.

Resolved, That we recognize the MISSIONARY HELPER as a most efficient means of education in the department of missions, and we cordially recommend its increased circulation in our churches.

“ TROUBLE is often God’s lever for lifting us to heaven.”

Missions—Their Reflex Influence.

[BY THE REV. J. W. BURGIN.]

THE law which controls the principle implied in our theme is universal. We enter the forest, the fertility of the soil gives luxuriance to the foliage, the foliage in return affords shade and moisture to the ground, and finally casts itself at the foot of the tree to be again taken up in the juices from its decayed body, thus by reflexion restoring to the earth the richness from which it has been produced, coupled with what it has taken from the atmosphere.

A lamp throws its light upon the reflector, the reflector casts back the light, and the light of the lamp becomes stronger than it could otherwise be.

The Bible also teaches the same,—in fact, God's dealings with us are mainly on the same plan of reflexion. He bases much of his conduct toward us on that of ours toward him. "Draw nigh unto me and I will draw nigh unto you." "They that seek me early shall find me." "Whosoever believeth on him shall not perish." This same principle is involved in the law of dealing between man and man. "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so unto them." "Give and it shall be given unto you." "With what measure ye meet it shall be measured to you again." This teaches that the reflex shall be according to our gifts. "For he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly, and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." "The liberal soul shall be made fat." "He that watereth shall be watered himself also." Does it not pay to be liberal to the poor, especially to the poor in the knowledge of the Lord. Surely the ignorant heathen masses are God's poor, for no man is so *utterly* poor as he who knows nothing of God and the Saviour of the world.

1st. Missions are of God, and whoever engages in that work shall yet learn their "work is not in vain in the Lord," for whatever is of God shall prosper. Every success in missions is an encouragement to the church which has put its hand to that particular work. To them the call comes back from the work in the success, "be of good courage." It is like "good news from a far country."

We invest time, money, strength, and talent in the great work of evangelizing the world, and if these missions to which all these treasures are consecrated succeed, then we

are encouraged to double our efforts and the cause takes on new strength. Thus we become stronger in the churches by reason of mission work ; the reflex influence is strength and zeal.

2d. No one can do for another without having his own soul blest. "Give and it *shall be given*," is the rule. In doing for others who have not the gospel, every benefactor will receive a speedy and rich blessing. The Divine approval is the reward of God to the benefactor. "Thine alms have been seen." Then again the gratitude of the receiver comes to the benefactor in words of thanks and fruits of righteousness.

"Is thy cruise of comfort failing?
Rise and share it with another;
Is thy burden hard and heavy?
Do thy steps drag wearily?
Help to bear thy brother's burden,
God will bear both it and thee.
Is thy heart a living power?
Self-entwined its strength sinks low.
It can only live in loving,
And by serving love will grow."

The more the church does mission work with the real mission spirit in the heart, the more it will love the world, the lighter will be its burdens and the more buoyant its spirit. If you would be strong at home do something abroad.

We should remember, then, the reflex influence of missions is to remove hindrances, lessen unfavorable influences, and aid by encouraging the mother-church. Every item of news from the mission land is so much stimulus at home for more and stronger work, and as churches and members we strike harder blows against the enemy, make greater aggression upon his ground, and withstand his approaches more effectually. By the knowledge of these facts Satan has been *discouraged* and the church *encouraged*. . . .

3d. Missions are a test of christian character and the evidence of christian zeal in the church. Benevolence not only makes requisition upon the *ability*, but also on the *disposition* to do. So we discover that in *every way*, external and internal, the reflex influence of missions is to the building up and strengthening the churches at home.

Greater mission results give greater mission spirit and larger contributions to mission work. Strength at home is strength abroad, and strength abroad is strength at home. The question rises, how shall we so work as to gain the greatest result at home and abroad. *First*: Give ; give largely, give as

God has prospered. *Second*: Give with the heart,—so give that the missionary when he receives his remittance shall feel the beatings of your christian heart in it; so that every dollar shall burn with the zeal with which it was given and by which the gift was prompted. So give that every penny shall ring with the notes of prayer that shall follow it. Put your heart into the collection-box to consecrate the gift, that the offering may have a meaning. Then pray that the blessing and power of God may rest upon them both, and as the fruit of the *consecrated offering* returns in good news to the *consecrated heart*, there will be a reflex influence, large and strong.

STARKSBORO, VT.

Remember.

(1) REMEMBER that the foreign missionary work is a *rescue*, and the most momentous rescue that can be conceived of. It is not merely an extension of our Western civilization,—a complacent proffer of our higher culture.

(2) Remember that it is pursuing in our day, though with immense advantage in means and facilities, the very methods which were used in the evangelization of our own heathen ancestry. To show contempt or indifference, is to “despise the bridge that has borne us safely.”

(3) Remember that indifference to missions on the part of this nation would be the climax of ingratitude. Ours is the youngest and perhaps the spoiled child of the nations. It has received a Benjamin's portion of all that the elder nations have achieved of liberty and culture and good estate through long and bloody struggles. It has received an ample dower at little cost, and is in danger of feeling that its own material advancement and glorification is the great end and issue of all problems of human history.

O proud and self-sufficient America, glorying in thy boundaries and resources and gathering populations and teeming enterprises, *who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? and, if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory as if thou didst not receive it?*

(4) Remember that, after all, the most solemn and impressive boundaries are these,—not of space, continents, races, national domains, but of *time*. Not any particular nation, but *this particular generation* is our solemn and overwhelming charge. Contemporary heathen will live only while we live.

They constitute a stewardship in which no others can take our place, and for the means of rescue so abundantly placed in our hands we shall give account. — *Foreign Missionary.*

Madge, the Dreamer.

BY MRS. E. T. HOUSH.



MADGE, a woman
worn and weary,
Silent sat when
day was gone,
Thinking of her
life so dreary,
Dreaming of the
past long flown.

Dreaming of the
Christmas tide,
And the song of
Christmas day ;

Kneeling by her mother's side
By her little bed to pray.

Dreaming how impatient, often,
For the years to glide along,
She had wished to be a woman ;
O, how wise she'd be, and strong !

Waking, thinking of the dreaming,
Of the cares that fill her life,
Of the friends but friends in seeming,
And earth's anxious, fitful strife :

Now, if wishing could but take her
Back to childhood's days, so free,
To its Christmas chimes and laughter,
Ah, far happier would she be !

Then, if to her could be given
But the sight of days to come,
Straight her feet would walk to Heaven,
Paradise her earthly home.

'Neath the tree with treasures laden,
In the golden Christmas glow,
Waits impatient Madge, the maiden,
For the gift on topmost bough :

Dainty book, whose hidden clasping
Fairy fingers soon unclose,
But beyond whose tender grasping,
Leaves, like opening vistas, rose

Life to come was all before her,
Far in distance was the crown,
But the way, with endless torture,
Strewed with crosses bare and brown.

Here a grave where hope had perished,
Here a path by shadows hid ;
Here the roses that she cherished
Half disclosed the thorns amid.

Rocks that showed the pitfall's luring,
Floods of breakers dashing nigh.
Life ! is this thy charm enduring ?
Then, Oh Heaven, let me die !

" Die ! " an angel voice but whispers,
" Die ! without the goal to win !
Crowns await the soul that conquers,
None but victors enter in ! "

But the way is dark and dreary,
And the crosses fast are laid ;
Of the struggle I am weary,
Of the dangers sore afraid.

" Lift the crosses and they vanish,
Step by step the way appears ;
Christ's glad smile the clouds will banish,
Heal thy sorrows, calm thy fears.

Trials will but make thee stronger,
Fire purge thee from the clay ;
Lasts the warfare but the longer,
Brighter for thee beams the day."

Madge, the dreamer, to the chiming
Of the merry Christmas bells,
Wakes to hush her vain repining,
As her wondrous dream she tells ;

Wakes to labor, for the Master
Day by day His grace bestows ;
Wakes to wait, as comes the faster
To her life its peaceful close.

— *The Woman's Century.*

To the Members of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society.

DEAR SISTERS: As you all know, the annual meeting of our Society was held in Lewiston, in October. There was not as large a number present, of course, as at the annual meeting one year ago, but the earnestness and persistence with which the women applied themselves to the work of planning for the present year, showed that our zeal is not lessening. It may be that a hasty glimpse at some of the more marked features of the meeting, and at some of the actions taken, will stimulate us to better service.

The report of the treasurer for the year ending with Aug. 30, 1884, showed that there has been a great gain in western receipts. Some of the Western states are doing even more than some of the New England states, which, in the past, have been the stronghold of the Woman's Society. The stimulus given the western work during the annual meeting at Minneapolis, and the untiring efforts of the Western Committee, with the aid of the weekly column in the *Free Baptist*, are yielding an abundant harvest. New auxiliaries have been formed, and the increased interest has been very noticeable to your treasurer in her correspondence with women in this part of the field. Already, by vote of the Society, our corresponding secretary has sent its greetings to the workers in the West. Could they have heard the discussions in the board with regard to the work there, I am sure it would have cheered their hearts. Slowly we are coming to realize that the Woman's Society can do mission work in the far West, and that the present is the golden opportunity for planting churches, thus making Christian homes for the Free Baptists who are going there. It is certainly to be hoped that the Free Baptist denomination will not fail to seize the present moment for advancing the Master's kingdom in this new country. In this connection, allow me to urge the auxiliaries West to send to the treasurer, *with a receipt*, a statement of all funds paid to the local treasurers for the home mission work. In accordance with the action taken by the Society such sums will appear in the monthly receipts.

The needs of the *HELPER* were carefully discussed, and the decision to advance the price seemed a necessity. At fifty cents a year it is a cheap magazine. With only one missionary mag-

azine in the denomination, and that one the official organ of this Society, it is for the interest of all mission work within our borders, and particularly our own, that we push its circulation.

It will be gratifying to the friends of Mrs. Smith to know there is a prospect that she will soon have an assistant at Jellalore. The board, with the approval of the Foreign Mission Board, has invited Miss Folsom to become its missionary, to be stationed with Mrs. Smith. She has been connected with the mission field in India long enough for all to know her value; she is beloved by the missionaries and by the natives. Will not a number of individuals become responsible for her support should she accept this call? Already one person assures us he will do something in this direction.

A review of our present condition, as a society, shows plainly that we ought to be better organized. It should be our aim to secure Yearly Meeting, Quarterly Meeting, and Church societies where these different organizations do not exist. Feeling the need of better helps to aid in this work, the Society has decided to publish a manual for the use of all who desire such helps. The preparation of it is in the hands of a good committee, of which Mrs. V. G. Ramsey, of North Berwick, Me., is chairman. She will be glad, I have no doubt, to receive suggestions concerning the work, from all who have them to give.

We have entered upon another year; our appropriations are larger, and so the need of money is greater. The Society wants all kinds of consecrated service, executive ability, good judgment, devotion to duty, charitableness of spirit with firmness of purpose—in short, *the best we have to give*. My sisters, shall we not give it? With all given, the promise “of all things” is ours. Oh! we have not even begun to know the glory there is in giving “*all for Christ*.”

Your sister in the work,

LAURA A. DE MERITTE.

COREA.—*The Illustrated Missionary News* tells us that the people everywhere in this country have plenty of food, firewood, and cotton clothes, with substantial mud dwellings. Great riches seem unknown, but the working classes are better off than in China. The paucity of clothing, considering the intense cold of the winter, and the marvelous seclusion of the women, impress the traveler.

Correspondence.

EXTRACTS FROM A LETTER FROM MISS FRENCH.

THE Mohammedan yearly fast of forty days occurred while I was in Bombay. Mohammedans observe this fast very strictly. Only one meal a day is eaten, and that after sunset. Not a mouthful of food nor a drop of water is taken during the day.

I went one day with a new-found friend to call on a Persian lady. We were shown up stairs, through a large room into a smaller one at the end of the house. The floor was covered with three large Turkish rugs. There were two or three stuffed sofas in the room, some cane-seated chairs, and one or two small tables. There was a bed on the floor, covered with a plaid shawl, with a piece of grass matting before it. The pillows were round, with white slips. A French clock in a glass case stood on a little shelf between two windows, and through the glass doors of a small cupboard in the wall, I could see finely-chased silver trays. The windows contained very small panes ; one of them had glass of different colors.

Two or three female servants, perhaps slaves, stood in attendance while we waited for the "beebee" (lady) to appear. This she did very quickly, as they do not dress for company during the fast. She wore a full sateen skirt, figured, of various shades, chiefly drab, and a thin white muslin jacket and "chuddah," but very little jewelry. My friend wished that I could see her in full dress ; she would probably wear silk and satin, and pounds of gold and jewels.

I was very much interested in this woman ; she was born in England, but was taken from her English mother and brought, at the age of thirteen years, by her Persian father to India, where she was brought up in all the strictness of the Mohammedan faith. Having had so much freedom in her early life her present life of bondage is more intolerable to her. She has a light skin, strong features, rather pretty, and speaks English fluently.

She looked pale and sad, and at once asked us to excuse her appearance on account of the fast. My friend asked, "Are you not hungry?" "No," she replied, "not hungry, but very weak." I asked the meaning of the fast, and with a look and gesture of utter indifference, she answered, "Ask some one

who knows, I don't." Yet she was obliged to observe it. Oh, the heavy yokes of all religions save that of the meek and lowly One!

We talked to her about Jesus, and she listened silently but attentively. My friend invited her to come and spend the day with her, and after a good deal of conversation regarding ways and means of getting to the house unobserved, and promises to keep her out of the sight of any gentleman while at her house, she finally accepted the invitation, but afterwards begged to be excused until after the fast should be over.

This woman, like all of her class, is not permitted to be seen by any man except her husband or his younger brothers. If she goes out at all, it must be in a closed carriage.

Tears came in her eyes when, as we parted, I took her hand, and told her that Jesus knew all her bondage and sorrow, and loved her, and would accept her love if she would but lift her heart to Him.

As I was passing out of the room, I noticed hanging on the walls, some curious looking inscriptions on paper, in plain wooden frames, which she said were prayers which nobody could read. She begged for something to read, and I afterward sent her a package of papers and tracts.

The enemies of righteousness are very busy circulating infidel literature throughout India, especially among young English-speaking natives; but there is a great dearth of good books and papers. A young Parsee, in Bombay, told me he had had infidel tracts and papers sent to him through the mail from England, and I could not help wishing that Christians at home would take as much pains to scatter the "good seed" of the kingdom,—to "sow beside all waters."

I have often thought I would tell you about the dress of the Parsees, which looks very strange to a foreigner. Fancy an intelligent man walking along the streets with pink or pale green satin pantaloons, embroidered or trimmed with gimp around the bottom of the legs, which reach only to the ankles, yet it is a common sight in Bombay. Black (of alpaca or thicker cloth), white and silk coats are worn, and the hat, I do not know how to describe it. A stovepipe hat without any rim, and with the back and top knocked in so as to form a broad, flattened point, is the best idea of it I can give you.

The Parsee ladies, some of whom are very pretty, wear sometimes very elegant silk *sarees* with embroidered borders. They wear white stockings and velvet slippers; no hat nor

gloves. The *saree* is wound around the body and drawn up over the head. The Parsee ladies are free, and go out on the streets like Europeans.

BASIM, WEST BERAR, INDIA, Sept. 6, 1884.

[FROM MISS MILLAR.]

Our ragged schools are doing nicely. My new one has thirty-six very bright girls. Mia Bogor school now numbers seventy pupils, and I must send another teacher there.

The parents of the pupils in the new school were very much opposed to our Bible lessons, and the Babus were very angry with the teacher for attempting to teach them. But I went for awhile and sang to and with them, and now the Bible lessons go on regularly, and they urge me to tell them the "old, old story," which is so new to them.

[FROM MRS. BURKHOLDER.]

Since Bhuta and Prennchand were baptized, Kanta, a very promising boy member of our school, has been baptized; also Gamai, or Porter, a boy who twelve years ago was a member of the Santal school, and for whom many and constant prayers have been offered.

Kistu's wife, Bhuta's mother, who raved like a maniac at Bhuta's baptism only a few months ago, and who for years has persecuted her christian husband, is to be baptized to-morrow with two of our school girls. This week a young Santal man from Birdwon has come and wishes to be a Christian.

You'll remember Jaga, one of the very first of our Santal teachers, who years ago became a Christian and worked so faithfully among his own people. Although he has been dead a long time, he still lives among his pupils. One of them, a very promising young man, is with us, and a few days ago we heard of four others whom he taught to pray. They still read the Bible, and keep up some kind of service in their village, way out in the jungle. They wish to join us. All these things are so cheering. Seed long sown is springing up and bearing fruit.

BHIMPORE, INDIA.

THE Rev. Mr. Cox, writing from Kanawha Co., Va., says, "Our new work calls for great sacrifices, much greater than our sisters and brothers abroad suppose. Times are hard, money scarce, but the outlook is good for times when our literature will receive a better support."

Another Open Letter.

DEAR MISSIONARIES AND MISSION WORKERS: Doubtless the noble cause in which you are working, and the blessed Master who said "Go ye into all the world," day by day richly reward you for all sacrifice. Labor for the One who is "faithful and just" in all things meets with so holy a recompense, human words seem empty. Yet humanity has been given capacity for appreciating approval, and while the Christian heart looks up for the highest type of sympathy, human words do find an answering chord.

We who are at home can but very imperfectly understand your toils, trials, and privations, yet the home hearts often go out in tenderness toward their sisters, who "not counting their lives dear unto themselves," have "buckled on the armor" and gone forth to help sunder the chains of heathenism. We think of the dark sisters its links have for ages bound to ignorance and superstition, and can but rejoice that they are being in some measure freed, and while the days go by we pray for the hastening of their ultimate relief. We feel there is something more for us to do. Nothing should be done without prayer, yet consistency demands works with prayer.

With regrets I confess the scarcity of missionary societies in this little spot in the "Switzerland of America," but am glad to be able to add that the cause is not forgotten and many are faithful in casting in "the mites." We believe more might be done by organized method, and hope the time will come when such may be effected. While waiting we will pray each day that you may be sustained in your labors and that "the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers," and *open wide* the purse-strings of *the many that remain*.

It has been the privilege of the writer to meet a few of those now in the foreign field, one of whom has "been called from labor to reward," and my heart went out to them in their noble work, and I longed to clasp their hands as I would those of a natural sister.

From a child the missionaries have been my heroes. I read of those noble ones who voluntarily laid down their lives for their own country, and their names have been written among "the nation's immortals." Their memory is perpetuated, and justly; but how small a sacrifice to lay down life for one's *own loved home* to sacrificing that home and loved friends, and much

that this earth life holds dear, for privations and hardships and oftentimes death, in a land blighted by heathenism. This is perhaps a narrow stand-point and very human. There is another side, and it is from that I trust you draw your inspiration: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these, ye did it unto me," then how much more when, "inasmuch as ye did it unto" darkened India, "ye did it unto me."

Your duties must be manifold, but your letters are a great impetus to the home workers. In looking through the table of contents in the *MISSIONARY HELPER*, an added charm hovers about the worthy little magazine when the name of a missionary appears. We feel to thank you for your promptness in this respect, and are sure you will be richly repaid for the extra effort they must cost if you knew the good they do the readers.

To those who while waiting at home are doing such a noble work: Your reward is also sure. It is by home effort those abroad are to be supported, so it is as clearly duty for some to remain as for others to go. And if through home labor others are permitted to shed light in darkened lands, those laborers may be permitted a share in the rejoicing over the downfall of idolatry.

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Flower-Cards.

THE friends, both old and young, who have just sent pictures to India will be interested to read the following: "I used your colored cards for the first time last Sunday evening, giving away six of them to the girls who said their lessons best, who were regular in their attendance, and best beloved. Their little dark faces brightened up with intense pleasure to see the bright flowers. They do not know English, but I have decided to write the texts in Bengali on the back of each card. None may know the good work these cards will accomplish. They are valued and shown in the family as treasures. Generally the fathers and brothers know English, so the texts may arrest their eyes and good seed be sown on good ground. And who knows how the Lord may bless it, so that it may bring forth much fruit?"

For the Young People.

Among the Missionary Islands.

[BY EMMA L. BURNETT.]

"WELL, girls," said Minnie Jackson, president of the Stone Church mission band, "I suppose we can't have meetings in July and August, because we shall be away, so I move we have a real first class meeting in June to wind up with."

The girls all agreed to this, and Florence asked—

"What shall we do to make it first-class?"

"Oh, we'll try and get up something entirely new."

"What shall it be?" said Jennie.

"We've used up nearly all the Exercise Book," said Addie.

"I wish '1334' would make another."

"We haven't used up all the *suggestions* in the Exercise Book," said Minnie. "We might get up an exercise like one given there, only different."

"Like, only different!" said Addie laughing.

"Well, I mean take a different topic, you know."

"Oh, yes. Well, what shall be the topic?"

"Clara," exclaimed Minnie, impatiently, "why don't you say something? You are the most *suggestive* member we have, and there you sit with your mouth tight shut, not helping us a bit."

Clara laughed and said, "I was just waiting for a chance to say, suppose we make an Island exercise. I've often noticed how many verses there are in the Bible about islands. We could have the children recite some of those verses, and give some account of the islands, the manners, customs and mission work, just as we do with China, India, and other countries."

"But *what* islands?" asked Florence.

"Oh, there are plenty of islands. Just think of all those in the South Sea," said Clara.

"And Ceylon, where the spicy breezes blow," said Ida.

"And Java, and the Philippine Islands," suggested Mary.

"But we don't know whether they are all missionary islands," said Florence.

And I don't believe there are any of our Presbyterian missionaries in those places," said Addie.

"Well," said Minnie, "we needn't stick to Presbyterians all the time. *They* don't do everything. It might do us good to find out what Congregationalists and Methodists and Baptists are doing and have done. Then, too, it would be nice to know something about the work of English missionaries."

"Well, let us make an island exercise," said Ida.

Then followed a great discussion about which islands they would take, for, as Minnie said, "they couldn't take them all at once." Finally they decided upon the Sandwich Islands, the Fiji, and Madagascar.

"You see," said Minnie, "they're something alike. They *were* very heathenish, and now they are, for the most part, Christian. Indeed, the Sandwich Islands have been finished up for some time; so we can tell about what they were, and what they are now."

"How shall we find out about them?" inquired Addie.

"We'll ask people where to look and what to read. We can ask our fathers and mothers, our Sunday-school teachers and the minister," said Ida.

"Yes," said Minnie; "but don't let us ask *wildly*. Let us have *some system* about it. I'm going to appoint committees."

So she divided the girls into three committees, each of which had one of the topics to work up. They immediately began to study about their islands, so that they would have plenty of time to put their information into such shape that they could teach the children what to say at the meeting. It was in April they had this conversation.

"You can't begin to find about one thing without finding out about something else," said Clara.

She was one of the "Sandwich committee," and happened to say to her mother that they had learned a good deal about the islands in their heathen state, and about the missionaries' work there, and she wished they could get something that would show their present condition.

"Mrs. Tenney, who has friends there, takes a Honolulu paper; perhaps if you should borrow a few copies they would help you," her mother suggested.

Mrs. Tenney was very willing to lend the papers, and Clara was delighted with them.

"It seems more like a real place to see a paper that is published there, and to read the advertisements, the notices of meetings, and all such things. Oh, here are the church notices! 'The Fort Street church, corner of Fort and Bereta-

nia streets,' 'the Seaman's Bethel,' 'Kaumakapili church'—oh, what a name!—the 'Kawaiahao church'—that's worse—and a Chinese church. They all have Wednesday evening prayer-meeting, and the Chinese have a singing-class Friday evening. I declare, that's just the way we do! And here's something about some of our lady missionaries on their way home from China and Japan stopping there. It says: 'These ladies came ashore last Wednesday and were present at a special meeting of the Hawaiian Woman's Board, making interesting statements of the progress of mission work in their various fields.' That's just as real as it can be."

One of the papers gave an account of five Gilbert Islanders picked up at sea by a New York ship. These men having been wrecked, had been on the open sea in a miserable little boat for more than forty days. The New York captain said, "A more devout band of Christians I never met. When first hauled out of their cheerless cockle-shell, more dead than alive, a man who appeared to be a leader gave thanks to the Almighty with becoming reverence." This old man would not take brandy as a restorative because he was "a missionary." The New York ship carried them to Yokohama, and from there they started in another ship for their home. As they stopped at Honolulu the editor of the paper saw them. He said that twenty-two years ago he had visited the Gilbert Islands, and had seen how miserable and degraded the inhabitants were at that time, so he could now see how much mission work had done for them.

It was when reading this Clara had said, "You can't learn one thing without finding out about something else." "Now," she said, "I can hardly keep my hands off the Gilbert Islands; I want to know all about them." In spite of her temptation to attack the Gilbert Islands, Clara proved a most valuable "Sandwich Islander," and her committee were soon thoroughly interested in their subject.

(To be continued.)

THE young people can help very much in all the missionary work of the denomination. The freshness and vigor you can bring into every department will be most welcome. During these next months will you not do what you can to extend the circulation of our magazine? Call the attention of your friends to it, speak kind words about it, and follow these words with a personal invitation to become a subscriber? Perhaps you could relieve some one by taking the care of a club of ten and so obtain a copy for yourself, or get a new club. Try it.

All the World Round.*

"Do boys and girls have vacations and holidays in China?" They have, but not so many as children in America. In the first place, they have no Sundays, no Saturdays. Indeed, the days of the week are not known at all. Schools, in China, open about the middle of the first month, corresponding with your January, and close about the middle of the twelfth month. Thus, about New Year's, the Chinese children have a whole month of vacation. They do not have so long a summer vacation as you enjoy. Should their teachers be candidates for literary degrees, and therefore go to the provincial capital to pass examinations, then they may have about a month of summer vacation, otherwise not. But they have several yearly holidays; the principal ones are the fifth day of the fifth moon or month, the fifteenth day of the eighth moon, which is the harvest festival, and the ninth of the ninth moon. These days are celebrated all over the empire. Then there are numerous local fêtes, during which some teachers grant a holiday or two. However, attendance at school is not very strict. It all depends on the teacher whether one is to have many holidays or not. A conscientious teacher would feel himself bound to teach as much as possible and make each of his pupils work as hard as himself. On the other hand, a lazy teacher makes lazy pupils. Boys and girls in America average about two hundred days in school, and boys and girls in China average about three hundred.

"What are edible birds'-nests?" They are the nests of a species of swallows in the East Indies, and the eatable portion is the gelatinous substance with which the bird sticks together its building material. When brought to China this gelatine is still mixed with the material of the nests; hence the name. Much labor and care are required to separate the edible, or eatable part from the straws and feathers and twigs that form the nest. After it is picked and assorted, the best will fetch as high as ten dollars a pound. It is tasteless, but considered by the Chinese very nutritious. The price being so high, few can afford it for ordinary food. But no feast is

The Chautauqua Young Folks' Journal, published by D. Lothrop & Co., of Boston, Mass., price 75 cents, has a delightful ethnological department edited by Tou Yong Lee, a young Chinese sent to this country to be educated. Questions regarding his own country are to be answered by him, and he is to be assisted in this department by natives of other not well known countries. "All the World Round," is the embracing heading which is used.

complete without it. It is often given to invalids, as people in this country give beef-tea. It is not, to be sure, delicious, but it certainly is not repulsive or disgusting, as the name would imply. I have often eaten it myself when made into a soup with small pieces of ham to give it seasoning.

"Have you railroads in China?" No, and yes. There are none in China proper—that is, on the mainland; but there is one on the Island of Formosa. This line is ten miles long. Its history is quite interesting. A few years ago certain foreigners in Shanghai obtained from the Chinese officials permission to build a horse-car line from the foreign settlement of Shanghai to a place ten miles distant, called Woosing, where the Woosing River empties into the Yangtse-kiang. But instead of that they took advantage of the mandarins and built a real steam-car railroad, and soon the whole Chinese community were astonished at the sight of the iron horse puffing away and running at a rate they had not considered possible. The mandarins at first were paralyzed by this fresh exhibition of audacity on the part of the "red-haired" English. But they determined to bide their time and watch their opportunity. The line, meanwhile, prospered. It was a novelty, and many natives patronized it. But it was doomed to have only a brief career, in that part of the country at least, for the mandarins had resolved on its destruction. At last a native was killed, run over by the train. The mandarins, together with an infuriated populace, demanded its surrender. But it belonged to a stock company who had expended money on it, and who now refused to give it up. Finally the mandarins bought it; and the company got three times the amount that they had laid out. The rails were at once pulled up and every bit of this detested railroad was transported to the Island of Formosa, where it is growing rusty and useless. Such is the fate of the first railroad ever built in China.

Farewell to Our Missionaries.

[BY THE REV. O. E. BAKER.]

THE Rev. F. D. George had been pastor of the Free Baptist church at Georgiaville, R. I., not far from Providence, and so it was arranged to have the farewell meeting in the city, with Roger Williams Church, a point central for those who would attend from the several churches of the Association. It was

held on Sunday evening, Oct. 12. The large audience-room was well filled. Among the number were members from Mr. George's parish, who had reluctantly accepted his resignation, and now came to join in the good-bye services, and to bid him God-speed. The meeting opened with singing the old missionary hymn, "From Greenland's icy mountains." Mr. George gave a brief but touching address, expressive of his conviction of duty to devote his life to the foreign missionary work, the struggle it had cost him to make the requisite sacrifice, but his decision to do duty and leave events with God, and the inexpressible pleasure he had felt since deciding to go. Remarks were made by the Reverends A. L. Gerrish, D. E. Clark, F. J. Ward, O. E. Baker, C. W. Griffin, G. Wheeler, and G. A. Burgess.

It was remarked early in the evening that missionary meetings of the kind were often quite too sad. They could easily be made so by dwelling upon the parting of friends, possibly, probably, never all to meet again, etc. But the happiest people in the world are those who make the largest sacrifices for the good of others. Brother George had expressed himself as happy in the anticipation of his work, with whatever trials might attend, and all should join to make the meeting cheerful, rather than sad. The Master had given us example of willing, eager service. Let us look upon the bright side, to the results by and by. The meeting took on this type, and all seemed resigned, and happy, if by any sacrifice they could further the interest of the Redeemer's kingdom. The Rev. Mr. Burgess, a college-mate of the departing missionary, said, at the close of his remarks, "Go, and God go with you." The pastor of the church proposed, at the close, that Mr. and Mrs. George stand in front of the pulpit, where friends could at the close come and exchange parting words, and that all in the house who felt like saying, with Brother Burgess, "Go, and God go with you," arise. The audience arose, many with feeling. "Bringing in the Sheaves" was sung, and the audience was dismissed. Several of the churches forwarded sums of money for the mission, expressive of their interest in the departing missionaries and their work. Many at the close came forward and took leave of Mr. and Mrs. George, grieving that they must part, but admiring the calm christian resignation of both, in entering upon their career of labor and sacrifice. They are now well on their way to India. May He who said "Go ; and lo, I am with you," verify the precious promise to our dear brother and sister, and little daughter.

Each Some Part.

"Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost."

WHEN country churches are urged to organize mission societies the reply is sometimes made: "We cannot sustain a meeting, our women live so far apart." In such cases it may be best to appoint a *live woman* as treasurer and for agent of the MISSIONARY HELPER, and have her do the collecting for both. Giving two cents per week makes a member of the society, and fifty cents brings a HELPER into the family. "A helper indeed," as a sister said the other day.

In many of these churches a Children's Band could be sustained. A half-dozen children can be gathered together in almost any church, and a few children properly directed, can do a good deal. Other children can belong, even though they cannot attend the meetings. They can write letters to the Band, and thus get good and do good. This gives some of our sisters an opportunity of doing good service for the cause, and better service for the children.

Will not the sisters in New Hampshire take hold of this work? The children are not cared for as they ought to be. We have not many Bands. Please organize.

Mrs. Brewster has a gem of a leaflet containing Constitution and instructions for organizing. If you ask her she will supply you. A stamp would not be amiss, I presume. Let us hear from all the churches.

M. S. WATERMAN.

Question-Box.

It has been proposed by a thoughtful Yearly Meeting president, that a question-box be put on the editor's table for the use of the women who want to know what and how to do, or wish for information of any kind. It is a delightful idea. Will you make it practical? The box is in its place.

New Organizations.

UNDER this heading we wish to place each month the date of new organizations, with the names of the president and secretary. Will they be promptly reported, so that it can be done?

Words from Home Workers.

MAINE.

THE October session of the Cumberland Q. M. was held with the West Cape Elizabeth church. The Q. M. Woman's Missionary Society held a business meeting Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 29, appointing committees on organization and programme, and collectors for the various churches in the Quarterly Meeting.

In the evening a public meeting was held, at which the president, Mrs. A. W. Dinsmore, presided. The programme included singing, Scripture reading, prayer, reports, and interesting readings. The house was well filled, and a collection was taken amounting to \$5.40. No new Auxiliaries have been formed during this, our first quarter, the reports received were incomplete, and the officers feel their own inefficiency and lack of experience in the work, but they look forward to a deeper interest, better work, and greater strength in the future.

H. A. DEERING, *Secretary.*

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The secretary of the interesting band in the Washington Street, Dover, church, sends these nice items about their society and its work: Our fall work began very encouraging. At our first meeting since the summer vacation, we presented the children with new badges that had been procured for the purpose of awakening new interest.

We bought several yards of ribbon and cut out and hemmed the badges; we then had "Pearl Seekers," the name of our mission band, printed on them in gilt letters, and a cross and crown also stamped in gilt, making very pretty badges at a cost of about five cents each. So delighted were the children with them that all who were not members desired to become such at once. The badges are all kept together during the month, and are brought to the vestry on mission Sunday. Then, as the roll is called, the children rise and receive a badge and wear it during the meeting. Our roll-call now numbers between sixty and seventy.

We had a very pleasant meeting last Sunday. Mrs. Brewster, Mrs. Hills, and Miss De Meritte gave short, interesting talks to the children.

Two weeks ago the children met one Saturday, and cut out pictures for the little children in India. At our next meeting there is to be a black-board exercise in which the route of the pictures will be traced until they reach India. We have pleasant programmes for every meeting, consisting of singing, speaking, etc.

We hope to take many more new names at our next meeting.

We are desirous to receive hints in regard to new methods of interesting the children in mission work. ALLIE M. DUDLEY, *Secretary.*

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Woman's Q. M. Penn., convened with the Sparta church. Representatives from nearly every Auxiliary society were there. Reports show that the interest is being well sustained, though few societies have increased any during the past quarter. A public meeting was held, and of the eighteen good parts we men-

tion an essay, "Harvest Time," by Mrs. E. Barr; a select reading by Mrs. Nevvins; an essay, "Who is sufficient for these things?" by Mrs. E. Jackson; "Girls in China," by Mrs. Gray; a select reading, "Mrs. Pickett's Missionary Box," by Mrs. Carrie Heminway; and "Incentives to Mission Work," by Mrs. Whaley. The society decided that hereafter Auxiliary societies should send representatives to each Quarterly Meeting; that an informal meeting should be held, that the different methods of conducting meetings may be better understood and mutual aid be given. Amount of collection, \$2.74.

MERTIE GROSS, Q. M. *Secretary*.

OHIO.

The Ashtabula Woman's Missionary Society held a public meeting Wednesday evening, Oct. 29, in connection with the Quarterly Meeting in Dorset. Although the early evening was rainy and forbidding, there was a good audience. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. D. L. Rice. After singing and reading of the Scriptures, prayer was offered by the Rev. L. D. Boynton. The Rev. H. M. Ford gave a short address on "Home Missions." A selection, "Our Home Missions," was read by Miss Arner. An essay, "Our Home Mission Society," was read by the Rev. D. L. Rice. A recitation, "A Single Head of Wheat," was given by Miss Emma Foster, and is deserving of special mention as being well spoken and appreciated by the audience. Brief remarks were made by the Revs. R. Clark, L. D. Boynton, — Hoover, E. H. Higbee, Mr. Winship, and the Rev. D. M. Stuart. Reports were received from all the churches except one. The mission fund raised in the churches for the past quarter amounted to \$38.64; quarterly collection, \$4.35; total, \$42.99.

FRANCES M. ALLISON, *Secretary*.

The interest in missions in Harmony Q. M. is increasing. There is a Q. M. Society and three Auxiliary societies. The society of East Liberty church have made three quilts, besides the work done by Mrs. Reeder's sewing-school of girls, which is, quilts and clothes for children made to send to an orphan home. The Union church have a quilt made which they intend to sell, the money to go for missions.

The Q. M. Society held a public meeting at Newton, Saturday evening, Nov. 1. After the opening exercises, and reports of secretary and treasurer, recitations: "The Open Door," by Miss Rosa Reeder; "Follow Thou Me," by Miss Minnie Randall; "The Price of a Drink," was finely given by Miss Carrie Hatcher; "Prayer and Potatoes," by Mrs. Skidmore; a select reading, "The World's Appeal," by Mrs. Reeder. At the close of the exercises a collection of \$2.03 was taken. The music was excellent and appropriate. The officers elected for the following year are Mrs. Sarah Higgins, president, and Mrs. J. C. Skidmore, secretary and treasurer.

SECRETARY.

Mrs. Merritt, the secretary of the Montcalm Quarterly Meeting, reports that they are still laboring for missions. At Carson City, in September, its regular meeting was held, and its programme was full of good things. The little red box went round with its music, to the tune of \$2.79.

The secretary also reports the organization of an Auxiliary in the church at Carson City. It is a grand little band of workers, who really enjoy work for missions.

MICHIGAN.

The Missionary Society of the Leslie Free Baptist church, though only organized two years ago this month, is still thriving. During the year they have held, aside from their regular monthly meetings, two socials and one concert, and have sent out for missionary purposes nearly \$24; At the annual meeting held Nov. 7, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Miss Estella Clicknor; vice-president, Miss Addie Norton; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. A. A. Leach; assistant secretary, Miss Carrie Norton; agent for HELPER, Mrs. A. A. Leach; collectors, Miss Florence Taylor, Miss Helen Leach, and Mrs. Kate Norton. We have some energetic, enthusiastic workers, and hope to do more for the Master and his blessed cause the coming year than ever before.

FLORENCE TAYLOR, *Secretary.*

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Calhoun and North Branch Q. M. held its first annual meeting with the Dayberg church, Aug. 2. A business session was held Saturday afternoon, at which these officers were elected: President, Mrs. E. French, Cook's Prairie; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Theo. Cook; business committee, Mrs. Ira Crandall, Mrs. C. I. Debow, Mrs. C. White. Since our last report two more Auxiliaries have been organized, making three in the Q. M. Part of the churches raise their mission money by pledges. Our receipts for the year were \$94.26. Forty copies of the HELPER are taken. We think the missionary spirit among us is increasing, for which we are grateful. One by one the workers go home, summoned to a more glorious service. We mourn the loss of Mrs. T. M. Southworth, one of our most efficient vice-presidents. In the evening a public meeting was held, full of interest and inspiration, which closed with the song, "Triumph by and by."

MRS. THEO. COOK, *Secretary.*

MINNESOTA.

The September session of the Hennepin Q. M. was held with the Champlin church, commencing Friday, Sept. 26. The Woman's Missionary Society was given an hour and a half for a public meeting, Saturday afternoon, which was made very interesting, and, we trust, profitable to all. Select passages of Scripture were read by the president, Mrs. McKenney. Prayer by Mrs. Wilcox; singing, "What shall the Harvest be?"

This being the annual meeting, officers for the ensuing year were elected: President, Mrs. McKenney; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Bradbury.

The secretary then read reports from the different auxiliaries, showing an increased growth and interest. A verbal report was given of the work at Crystal Lake, which clearly indicated that their motto is "onward." Mrs. Stillman, of the Stephens Avenue Free Baptist Church, Minneapolis, gave a very interesting account of work done in that society. They have not yet formed a missionary society, but the "Ladies' Aid Society" have during the past eight months raised sixty dollars, a portion of which they have appropriated for benevolent purposes. Such a record as this ought to put to shame some of our older and larger churches.

Reading, "Mission Spirit," Mrs. Herrick; singing, "To the Work"; reading, "Aunt Mchitable's Account of the Annual Meeting," Mrs. King; essay, "Giving," Mrs. Bradbury; reading, "Giving and Giving Up," Mrs. Gammon. Collection, \$8.30. Singing, "Wonderful Words of Life." Benediction by the Rev. J. D. Batson. Mrs. B. L. BRADBURY, *Secretary*.

Suggestions to Home Workers.

DOES it not seem to you that this department can be made more attractive and useful? What if every one should try to put greater variety into it? Items, anecdotes, incidents, included with the programmes of the meetings, will help to this result.

If we mistake not a good many of the societies do not contribute their part, but hold back their good things. Is this the real, true, helpful way to do? If you had a good meeting why not tell why, and some of the pertinent things said? If you have a new way with which to interest, write about that. Send your tithes and let their be freshness and vigor in these Words from the Home Workers.

The Bureau.

To our mission workers everywhere the BUREAU OF MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE AND EXCHANGE gives greetings. On the threshold of its new year it stands with outstretched hands,—the one holding forth whatever it possesses of knowledge and aid, cordially inviting all who need to draw freely from its store,—the other as eagerly extended for greater and continued supplies. The fountain which constantly pours forth must as continuously receive the life-giving waters. Just a word to the "Home Workers" who now and again give inspiring glimpses into their particular vineyards. Mention is frequently made of helpful essays, dialogues, poems, letters, etc., which make up the programmes for the meetings they report. The committee earnestly request that after each meeting these shall be collected and forwarded to the Bureau, that the golden grain may be sown widely in other fields, and bring forth not merely the "thirty," but also the "sixty" and the "hundred fold" for the Master.

Miss KATE J. ANTHONY, 40 Summer St., Providence, R. I., Committee for Essays, Dialogues, Poems, Stories, and Helps for Bands.

Miss MAY M. BISBEE, 1 Kendall St., Providence, R. I., Committee for Letters from Missionaries and Teachers.

Topic for Monthly Meeting.

THE people that walked in darkness have seen a great light. Upon them hath the light shined.—ISA. ix., 2.

Unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.—LUKE ii., 11.



Children's Niche.

A Telugu Cradle-Song.

This song is what the Telugu mothers sing to their babies. Do you think you should prefer it to the sweet melody of your mother's cradle-song?

Hush, my dear!
As pussy's fur is diamond-like,
Your cradle-cords are golden girdles.

Hush!
[The cradle is hung by cords to the roof.]

Come hobgoblins, weave a little basket,
Put in baby, take him off.

Hush!
[The mother pretends not to care for her baby.]

Don't cry, don't cry, foolish baby,
Sapphire tears will fill your eyes.

Hush!
I cannot look at sapphire tears,
Milk should flow from golden eyes.

Parrots, pigeons, phoenixes,
Play around the golden cradle.

Hush.
Hush, dear! hush, dear little plantain!
Give my plantain milk and cream.

Hush!
To-morrow comes the moon again,
Mindful of thy voice, my dear.

Hush!
Lullabys make babies sleep,
As charmers' pipes make cobras sleep.

Hush!
Who made my little baby cry,
Let him bring milk from little cows.

—Selected.

Talks with Mrs. Griffin.

AND now about the snakes! Nellie came rushing into the house, a few days ago, excitedly shouting, "a snake in the nala." The nala is a drain running around the house to carry off the water in the rains. I started to go and see, but a native stopped me saying, "Don't go. It's nothing. No one would die if *that* snake did bite them." To his mind a snake whose bite wouldn't kill, was a very insignificant thing. There

are many kinds of harmless snakes whose names I cannot tell you. They are of all sizes.

There is only one very large variety of the snake family here, with which I am acquainted. I received a very informal call from one of these once. I stepped into my bed-room for something, one day, and there in the middle of the room, coiled in a huge heap, lay one of these snakes. He leisurely lifted his great head from the centre of the coil, as I entered, and looked at me. I do not mind spiders, one has to get used to them here, nor do I scream at mice, but a snake in my bedroom was too much. My scream brought several running to see what had happened, but his snakeship was not at all frightened. He had come in to get a cool place for a nap, I suppose, but he crawled off and left me in possession. These large snakes are harmless. We do not often find snakes in the house.

But there are snakes here for whose bite there is no remedy. I have already heard of several deaths this rainy season from the bite of snakes. All kinds of reptiles and insects are more common during the rains.

Two cheta snakes have been killed in our yard lately. These are rather small snakes with dark, shiny bodies. They are poisonous. But worst of all is the cobra. You have seen its picture, no doubt. When it raises its head to bite, its head flattens and expands. On this account it is called the hooded snake. Persons bitten by the cobra live but a few hours, sometimes but a few minutes. The people here go barefoot and step on snakes in the dark and are bitten.

We take great care always, and with care there is little danger. We keep lights burning always at night and never step out in the evening without a lantern. Many years ago one of our missionaries found a snake in her shoe, and hence we all tip over our shoes in the morning before putting them on, though I have never found anything more dangerous in mine than a toad, who blinked in astonishment at the rough treatment. Worst of all, is the fact that these cobras are worshiped by the Hindus. How low a people must have fallen to worship snakes.

None of the missionaries' children now in India are old enough to write letters. Philip Burkholder and our Nellie are just learning to read. Who will ask the next question for me to answer? Lovingly,

L. C. GRIFFIN.

MIDNAPORE, INDIA.

Contributions.

RECEIPTS FROM OCTOBER 1 TO NOVEMBER 1, 1884.

MAINE.

East Hebron, Auxiliary, for Miss Bachelor's salary, and towards constituting Mrs. O. Roys, of Canton, L. M.	3 25
East Otisfield, Auxiliary, for Miss Bachelor's salary, and towards constituting Mrs. O. Roys of Canton, L. M.	7 75
Ellsworth Q. M., \$6 25 for Carrie, 88c. for general work, and towards L. M. of Mrs. J. A. Chatto.	7 13
Ellsworth, Mrs. E. J. Sanders, for zenana work, and towards L. M. of Mrs. Chatto.	3 50
Farmington Falls, Auxiliary, ..	7 58
Greene, collected by Mrs. S. L. Royal (by means of an album quilt for Miss Coombs), for salary of Miss Coombs ..	41 20
Lewiston, Auxiliary, Main Street Church, 44 cents for Incidental Fund ..	26 54
Lewiston, Auxiliary, Main Street Church ..	5 24
Limerick, Mrs. H. M. Holland..	1 00
Lisbon, Auxiliary, 2d Church, for Miss Coombs' salary	3 60
North Lebanon, Auxiliary	4 00
Penobscot Y. M., collection, for general work, towards L. M. of Mrs. A. G. Hills ..	16 87
Portland, Sunday School classes of Mrs. Bolton, Miss Coffin, and Miss Deering, for support of Paralutti in Ragged School ..	6 64
Sumner, Auxiliary, for general work, towards L. M. of Mrs. O. Roys, of Canton ..	2 00
Sweden, Auxiliary, for Miss Bachelor's salary and L. M. of Mrs. Roys	2 00

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

New Hampton, Missionary Helpers, for N. H. Ragged School in Midnapore	6 00
Rochester, Auxiliary, for Rochester Village School at Jellamore	5 00

VERMONT.

East Randolph, Miss Hattie L. Parker, for orphan with Mrs. Smith	6 25
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MASSACHUSETTS.

Abington, Mrs. Hannah K. Pierce, for zenana teacher, and to constitute herself L. M.	25 00
Haverhill, Auxiliary, balance L. M. of Mrs. Gordon, and towards L. M. of Mrs. Abbie G. H. Todd ..	20 00
Lowell, collection, Paige Street Church, \$20 for scholarship in Industrial School	25 96

NEW YORK.

Fabuis, a Friend, for general work ..	20 00
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INDIANA.

Northern Indiana Y. M., collection, \$4 58. Noble Q. M. \$5, half each H. M. and F. M. ..	9 58
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IOWA.

Lincoln, Auxiliary, for F. M.	5 00
Waterloo, Auxiliary, half each for F. M. and H. M.	14 88
Waterloo, Philomathean Society, F. M.	10 00
Waterloo Q. M., Auxiliary, F. M.	2 33

MINNESOTA.

Champlin, Auxiliary, \$5 Miss I. Phillips, \$10 F. M., \$5 Harper's Ferry, \$9 H. M.	29 00
Hennepin Q. M., Auxiliary, for F. M.	4 15
Root River Q. M., Missionary Society, for F. M.	1 00

DAKOTA TERRITORY.

Frankfort, Auxiliary.	1 30
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MISCELLANEOUS.

For Missionary Society, sundry items	26 40
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Total.... \$350 14

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CORRECTION.—In receipts for September, South Parsonfield was credited with completing L. M. of Mrs. B. C. Newell. It should have been the Sebac Q. M.

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Tenth Annual Meeting.

Minutes.

THE Society convened agreeably to the call of the secretary, in the vestry of the Main Street Free Baptist Church in Lewiston, Maine, at 10 o'clock, A. M., on the eighth day of October, 1884.

Many expressing a desire to attend the meeting of the Convention then in session, after singing the doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," adjournment was made until 2 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned Meeting.

The Society reassembled at the hour to which adjournment was made, with the president, Mrs. Burlingame, in the chair. Mrs. Hills offered prayer. Mrs. J. C. Osgood was chosen assistant secretary.

The reports of the home secretary and treasurer were read and accepted to be read in the public meeting. Extracts from the report of the corresponding secretary were presented and the whole was accepted.

The reports of the editor and agent of the *MISSIONARY HELPER* were submitted by Mrs. Brewster, and were accepted, and the questions contained in them were referred to the Board for consideration. The report of the Publication Committee was read by Mrs. H. K. Clark. The report of the Committee on Home Missions in the West was submitted by its chairman. These were accepted by vote, to be placed on file.

A motion was adopted that the corresponding secretary send to the Western Department in the *Free Baptist*, and to the *MISSIONARY HELPER*, a letter which shall contain the greeting of the annual meeting of the Society, and shall congratulate the western women on the success of their work during the year, and urge them to continued progressive work.

Mrs. Brewster, Mrs. J. B. Davis, and Mrs. H. K. Clark were appointed a committee to send greeting to the New England Branch of the Methodist Woman's Missionary Society, convened at Portland, Me.

The reports on leaflets from the Publication Committee

was presented and accepted, the Society recommending to the Board that during the ensuing year one-half of the income of the working capital (including the Hebbard fund) be used for leaflets, blanks, etc.

A committee of five on Nominations was appointed, Mrs. Hills, of New Hampshire; Mrs. Wade, of Maine; Mrs. Remick, of Maine; Mrs. Clark, of Rhode Island, and Mrs. F. L. Peckham, of New Hampshire. The meeting adjourned until Thursday morning at 8 o'clock.

Adjourned Meeting.

After preliminary business, a resolution was adopted authorizing the treasurer to receipt for funds received by bequest, legacy, or otherwise, and to transact any legal business in behalf of the Society.

The Committee on Nominations reported through its chairman, and officers for the ensuing year were elected, as seen on page 2 of report. Mrs. Burlingame expressed her estimation of the honor conferred by the Society in her re-election. The Society by a rising vote tendered their appreciative thanks to the president, home and corresponding secretaries, and the treasurer, for their long, laborious, and gratuitous services.

Most kindly acknowledgments of obligation were also expressed to the editor and agent of the *HELPER* for her efficient services under the many embarrassments which have been hers. Mrs. Hills and Miss De Meritte called especial attention to the successive growth of the *HELPER*. A thirty-two page report was ordered printed in the usual way, and was referred to the charge of the editor and Publication Committee.

Anniversary Exercises.

This occasion was observed by appropriate exercises in the audience-room of the church, on Thursday afternoon. The large attendance at this meeting bore evidence of the increasing interest in the work of this Society. The service was opened with singing by the congregation of the hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds."

The report of the corresponding secretary was read by Miss Nellie Reed, and was a full resumé of the work as gathered from letters from our missionaries and teachers, in both the home and foreign field, as was also that of the home sec-

retary of the varied work done in cultivating that portion of the field which is the base of supplies, under the blessing of God, for the carrying forward of the work. This was made doubly emphatic by the treasurer's report. The summing up of the tithes caused us to note that, as in the natural harvest, so in this our harvest of rejoicing, we gather not only the fruitage of one year's seed-sowing, but of many.

Mrs. Waterman introduced Mrs. Burlingame, who began her address by stating that the great present need of our own land is varied missionary effort; then making clear by illustration that the medium necessary for its prosecution is individual responsibility deeply felt in all our effort. The address closed with an earnest asking for more extended and thorough organization. The audience rose and sang "Work, for the night is coming," after which Dr. O. R. Bacher was introduced and spoke briefly and to the point of the work of the Woman's Society, and woman's relation to, and importance in, all evangelizing labor, both in christian and heathen lands, making special remark upon some of the characteristics of her work in India. The service closed with the benediction by Dr. Bacher.

Adjourned Meeting.

The Society was again called to order at 4.30 P. M.

Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Waterman, and Mrs. Porter were appointed a committee to prepare a manual for the use of the home workers, to include constitutions of General Society, Yearly Meeting, Quarterly Meeting, and Auxiliary societies and Children's Bands, with hints, helps, and parliamentary rules, the expense of which to be paid from the literature fund.

Mrs. H. C. Keith, of Minnesota; Mrs. J. S. Copp, of Michigan; Mrs. J. L. Tourtellot, of Rhode Island; Mrs. A. A. McKinney, of Minnesota, and Mrs. F. M. Washburne, of Wisconsin were appointed the Committee on Home Missions in the West.

Voted, That the Western Home Secretary be authorized to call to her assistance a woman from each state as secretary for that state where no Yearly Meeting Society exists.

After a brief prayer by the president the meeting was adjourned. "Not unto us, Oh Lord, not unto us, but to Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy and for Thy truth's sake."

A. B. TOURTELLOT, *Recording Secretary.*

Report of Foreign Secretary.

WORK IN INDIA.

MIDNAPORE — MISS COOMBS' REPORT.

"ARRIVING in Midnapore on the 11th of January, I began study on the 15th, and a few days later commenced going with Miss Bachelor to her zenana houses. As soon as I had mastered the alphabet, I went regularly with one of the zenana teachers to a little school in one of these houses, and also assisted in teaching some of Mrs. Phillips' children. When Miss Bachelor went to Darjeeling, in May, I lived with Mrs. Bachelor, and tried to learn something of the details of the zenana work. On Mary's return I went back to Mrs. Phillips. . . . In August the women of the Bible school came over to the vacant school-house in our compound, and we taught them, and the zenana teachers were taught with them. When the Bible school closed Mrs. Phillips took the unmarried zenana teachers, who were in my care, to her house, allowing me to go to Calcutta in October, where I remained two weeks. Immediately on my return I went to Balasore, to Yearly Meeting. The going to Balasore and return, with the days of the meeting, occupied two weeks longer, so that I had a month's vacation. As soon as I returned to Midnapore, the teachers came home, and work was again resumed till Mrs. Griffin came, when she almost immediately began to get initiated into the zenana work, and I to learn about the Industrial school, in anticipation of Mrs. Phillips' leaving. She left in February, and the Bible school began again in March, when superintendency of the women's department came to my hands.

"The Industrial school and my own pundit take up the forenoon, and the women, with an occasional run over to the Industrial, the afternoon. At the beginning of the year, when new officers in the church were chosen, I was appointed treasurer, and when Dr. Bachelor left he placed in my hands the Orphans' and Chapel accounts.

"A class of English-speaking young men, who come to Dr. Phillips' Sunday afternoon, for an hour's study of the Bible and singing, have afforded me much pleasure. This

seems more like direct missionary than any of my other work. But the latter must be done. I find it in my hands, which means that God wants me to do it, therefore it shall be my delight. Yet all the time I am hoping that, when He sees I am fit, He will let me reach the hearts of this people more directly than through their heads."

BALASORE — ZENANA WORK — SCHOOLS.

Miss Hattie Phillips reports: "Last November I gave up my share of the schools to my sister, and took all the zenanas, as we both felt this to be a wiser division of the work. The number of zenana pupils has averaged about 65; number of teachers, 7. The pupils of each teacher are divided into two sections, and visited on alternate days; while my work is to visit, examine, and give special religious instruction once a month to each pupil.

"Since reopening work after vacation, I have been pleased to notice that there has been an increased call for work among the women of the Bramo Somaj, and a welcome feature of this call is a special request for religious instruction. One man said to me, 'I want you to teach my wife the Brahmo religion.' When I said to him, 'I know very little about it,' he replied, 'O, there's not a bit of difference between that and the Christian religion.' 'Very well, then,' I said, 'I'll teach her the Christian religion.' He expressed himself perfectly satisfied, and of course I was.

"We are to re-enter and rededicate our repaired chapel next Sunday, and are hoping and praying for a copious outpouring of God's spirit upon our pupils.

"Two years since, a special need in my work led me to make a special appeal for help to a few personal friends at home. In response came about \$175. A change of base — from Midnapore to Balasore — brought a change of plan, and now my Chicago offering is to be applied to the fitting up of two comfortable and convenient school-rooms in the back of the chapel. The Christian girls' school, which thus far has had nothing it could call its own, but one poor little black-board, is to have a home in these 'Chicago school-rooms.' We hope friends from some direction will enable us to furnish the school with a half-dozen wall maps, a globe, a clock, a bell, and two tables and chairs, thus greatly increasing the efficiency of the school."

**MONEYS RECEIVED AND EXPENDED FROM MARCH 31, 1883, TO
JUNE 30, 1884.**

DR.	Rs.	A.	P.	CR.	Rs.	A.	P.
To repairs on school-house.....	13	12		By cash from Woman's Society.....	310	3	3
" Horse feed, etc....	80	4	3	" Fees from pupils..	17	10	6
" Harness.....	35	12					
" Teachers and assistants.....	205	4		Balance due.....	11	5	6
" Sundries.....	4	3					
Total R's.....	339	3	3	R's	339	3	3

Miss Ida Phillips says: "As my sister has taken charge of the zenana instruction, I have simply the girls' schools to report. Of these there are eight for Hindu girls, and one for the daughters of native Christians.

"In general, the work done has been good. Thirteen children have passed the primary scholarship examinations. These were girls from the first classes of five of the Hindu girls' schools. The majority of those who passed are married, and the others will be soon. Hardly any of these girls are over twelve years of age, and still several have been married for two years or more.

"Though these girls may soon leave school, I believe they will carry with them such a decided knowledge of the true God and of the Saviour that they can never be what their mothers are.

"In the school for native Christian children, the attendance has been good, and the results better than in any year previous. Two girls from this school have this year completed their course of study. That is, if we may be allowed so large a term, our first graduating class.

"Of the teachers, all but one of those who remained have completed their course of study. In the future there will be less, both of time and money, expended in teaching teachers. We were glad to notice the other day, in a local Oriya paper, a very favorable mention of our zenana work and girls' schools; also to hear from two of the most prominent native gentlemen of the place, very hearty commendation of both. So we hope the people are coming to understand the value of education for women."

No. of schools.....	9
No. of teachers.....	11
No. of school-houses.....	3
No. of pupils.....	227
No. of boys.....	14
No. of Mohammedans.....	14
No. of Hindus.....	171
No. of Christians.....	42
No. of school-houses needed.....	2

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1883-4, CLOSING JUNE 30.

	DR.			CR.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
By Woman's Appropriation.....				667	5	1
" Government grant.....				801	5	0
" Special donations.....				163	11	3
" Mission corn.....				162	0	0
" Wool.....				39	3	0
" Books.....				32	5	3½
To teachers.....	1129	1	3½			
" Conveyances.....	303	12	½			
" Buildings.....	14	2	0			
" Books.....	75	3	2			
" Wool.....	40	9	1			
" Prizes.....	31	0	3			
" Sundries.....	20	14	3			
" Deficit of former account.....	148	5	1			
	1763	1	2	1865	14	3½
" Balance on hand....	102	13	1½			
	1865	14	3½	1865	14	3½

In comparing the last year's report with this, some apparently strange changes will be noticed in amounts received from government and the Woman's Society, but it must be borne in mind that the last report was for a year and a half, whereas this is for a year only. The government grant has been increased this year by eleven rupees per month.

A note from Mrs. Phillips, later, says there should be but twelve rupees in hand, instead of 102. The report was made out under great pressure.

BHIMPORE.

Mrs. Burkholder writes: "I am very glad of an increase in my appropriation for the work. My girls' school is much larger now than ever before. With the girls and the little boys I have over sixty, while there are forty boys in the training-school. I expect, after a time, to put my outside schools into the hands of male teachers; for the women, with babes in their arms, cannot do justice to their charge. At this place we have not a single unmarried woman capable of teaching school. Truly there is a great work to be done among the women and children.

"A special effort is being made this year to prepare the older girls to pass the government examination. The indifference and opposition to the elevation of women during the past centuries, seems to press down with a crushing power upon the present generation. At times it is well-nigh impossible to rouse in their minds the slightest feeling for self-improvement.

"I have started a sewing society for our women, in which quite a number of the heathen women join.

"I have a special meeting for the little ones on Thursday, and one for the older boys Saturday.

"We now hold our woman's prayer-meeting at the homes of our heathen neighbors. Thus far the plan has proved successful. The work here could be extended indefinitely, if we only had the requisite time and strength."

MRS. THOS. W. BURKHOLDER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE "WOMAN'S SOCIETY." MONEYS RECEIVED AND DISBURSED FROM OCT. 1, 1883, to OCT. 1, 1884.

		DR.	
To cash received, Oct. 18, 1883	Rs. 74, 8, 6		
" " " Jan. 31, 1884	99, 0, 0		
" " " April 30, 1884	98, 0, 0		
" " " July 31, 1884	98, 1, 9		
" " " From Mrs. Beane, 1884	4, 14, 9		
Total	374, 9, 0		
		CR.	
By cash disbursed.			
By teachers' pay to Dec. 31, 1883	Rs. 57, 0, 0		
" " " April 1, 1884	57, 0, 0		
" Support of children in Industrial School from April 1, 1883, to Oct. 1, 1884	260, 9, 0		
Total	374, 9, 0		

JELLASORE — THE GIRLS' ORPHANAGE.

Mrs. Smith reports: "Miss Hooper returned from the hills the last of November, so much improved in health that we hoped the cold season would fully restore her. In this, however, we were disappointed. She gradually grew worse, and was not again able to take up regular work. The last of February she sailed from Calcutta *en route* for her home in Canada. We are saddened, not only for being again left alone, but far more that one who loved the work so well should be obliged to leave India in the short space of five years.

"It was not until December that we again commenced regular work in the schools. Since that time, there has

been very little interruption, and since March 31, there has been a steady increase of work and interest in all departments. Five additions have been made to the boarding and fifteen to the day school.

"The 9th of June I left home for rest, with what misgivings it would be difficult to describe. There was no one among our ladies whom I could consistently ask to leave her work and look after mine. After nearly four years of constant work I found myself tired, too tired to describe. Besides, the constantly recurring attacks of fever, though not severe, were very weakening, and I felt that I must either take rest, or be obliged soon to give up entirely. The midsummer vacation in the day school was just at hand. I made the best arrangements for the Orphanage I could, and came back, after nearly two months' absence, to find everything moving on nicely. The school commenced on the day appointed, and instead of a falling off among heathen children, as I had feared, there is an increase.

"The work in the Industrial department, except in the case of the two boys under the care of the gardener, has been suspended.

"The trip has done wonders for me. I am much stronger, and can do more mental work, with very little fatigue, than for months before I left. The visit with missionaries was particularly refreshing, and the glimpse I got of the wonderful work among the Telugus has brought me home with stronger faith, and a more earnest purpose. If God can work so wonderfully for the poor, outcast Telugus, surely he can do the same for the Oriyas. If we do our part He will certainly bring them in.

"You will see from my financial report that I have a balance in favor of the society, for 170 rupees. This sum I have for some time been carefully laying by for a conveyance of some kind. This is greatly needed, for now, whenever I go out, I am obliged to borrow. Perhaps the ladies will wonder how the money could be saved. Let me explain. When Miss Hooper came she brought money for schools, and when she left, gave me quite a sum for the same purpose. Then the money received from England for Bible women has kept not only four women steadily at work, but has provided books and carriage-hire for them, besides paying one woman enough to support her family,

so that her husband can attend to any Christian work that comes to hand.

"I hope the carriage will be forthcoming before the end of the year. Mrs. Griffin has undertaken to get this up for me. When it is ready, I shall, I think, have men to draw it, instead of a horse. Some poor men in our village are begging for the work, and really need it.

"The New Brunswick ladies seem still inclined to send me help for the schools. Should they continue to do so I can still spend the money from the Woman's Society for the Industrial and other purposes that I see no other way to meet. The money sent from England is a great help in outside work, and it comes laden with such precious messages of love and interest in these poor women, that the tears often fall as I read.

"Dr. Phillips has paid me for the support of mission children, 900 rupees, but this sum includes the repairs on the house and mission premises, except the building of a new veranda, costing 400 rupees, coming through Mr. Coldren. Then I have a grant for the day school of 360 rupees per year. As the repairing and building is nearly done, I am hoping to have more opportunity the present year of working among heathen women, and for correspondence with home friends."

FINANCIAL REPORT.

ACCOUNT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES IN THE WORK OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY FROM JULY 1, 1883, TO JUNE 30, 1884.

	CR.			DR.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
To balance from last year.....	35	9	8			
" Cash through Treasurer	442	8	0			
" " through F. M. Treasurer.....	100	3	6			
" " for books	11	7	0			
" " for work.....	12	10	1			
" " from postmaster, Jellasure.....	2	0	0			
By teachers				183	0	0
" Support of children.....				85	0	0
" Books and papers				37	3	0
" Materials for work.....				23	7	5
" Carriage-hire				55	2	0
" Buildings for teachers and schools.....				50	6	3
" Balance.....				170	3	7
	604	6	3	604	6	3

STORER COLLEGE, HARPER'S FERRY, WEST VIRGINIA.

Mrs. Brackett writes: "In our last year's work there is much to be thankful for. Compared with the two previous years they have been halcyon days. The storms which swept over all these southern schools, caused in each case by the restless jealousies and ambition of a few slightly educated, unprincipled demagogues, unable to carry the people with them in their mad schemes, have left the atmosphere clearer, the sky more serene.

"The coming of Mrs. E. C. Jenness as a volunteer, last spring, was a great blessing; the occasion of profound gratitude to herself, and to Him who put it into her heart to come to our aid at a time when we were almost in despair over work that needed to be done, but which the hands and heads, already too severely taxed, were unable to do. Her zeal breathed new life and vigor into our sometimes slightly flagging enthusiasm. She possessed the qualifications fitting her to relieve us at the points where help was most needed. Taking almost entire charge of the sewing class, and giving a lesson each day, instead of twice a week, the utmost any one had been able to do before, the progress made was much more satisfactory."

REPORT OF MRS. LIGHTNER,

(FORMERLY MISS BRACKETT.)

"We are glad to report another school year safely ended — one more pleasant and hopeful than the one immediately preceding. The reports from our workers in the public schools are very cheering. The members of the last class who wished to teach have already found places, so that the influence of the school is being felt in new localities.

"The teaching force has never quite kept pace with the growth of the school. The need of an Industrial department is as great as ever. We know not in what way this want can be supplied. Meanwhile, wasting no time in repining, we are endeavoring to make the best use we can of the means within our reach. We have been permitted to see much good accomplished, and as a school have much for which to be thankful. We have lived over again the old miracles, for have not the blind received their sight, and the poor had the gospel preached to them?"

MISS FRANKLIN'S REPORT.

Miss Franklin writes: "Perhaps no one of the many similar schools of the South has accomplished so much, with so little capital, as Storer. To a school of this kind, growth is as necessary as it is to a young plant, for without it the one, like the other, must decay and die.

As a rule, our pupils are younger than formerly, and consequently more ambitious. Many of them must be teachers, and must go into the teachers' examinations, sometimes side by side with the children of their former owners, where they can expect certificates of a good grade, from *merit* only. Then it is that a clear practical knowledge of the branches they are to teach is of paramount importance. That this knowledge may be theirs, they must have enjoyed the advantages of an institution managed by an efficient corps of teachers, and supplied with the requisite aids for instruction.

Thanks to the generosity of its friends, Storer College is not wholly without these aids. With heartfelt gratitude we mention the munificent gift of five thousand dollars from Mr. Anthony, a large handsome book-case for Myrtle Hall, and an organ and a beautiful painting for the same building, from two ladies actively engaged in mission work. Besides these, warm blankets and pretty quilts assure us that our friends in the North are not unmindful of our personal comfort. Now if all who are equally able were equally willing as these kind donors, our new recitation-rooms would no longer have their beauty marred by old, defaced furniture, when the small sum of three hundred dollars would furnish them with new. The shelves of the Dexter book-case would be filled with such books as would be interesting and instructive to the eager readers, many of whom have been hitherto almost entirely excluded from the delight arising from searching the book world.

An Industrial department, of which the sewing class is only a small beginning, is very much needed. Many of our sister schools are far ahead of us in this particular.

These needs may seem light to many, but to the teachers laboring ten months of the year, they seem very heavy; and brighter and better for both teacher and pupil would the year's work be, were these wants supplied.

This year our class of graduates numbered fourteen. Some of these are already teaching.

CONCLUSIONS.

A careful perusal of the above reports cannot fail to convince all that the year's work, both in the foreign and home fields, has been no whit behind that of former periods.

The same interest and enthusiasm seem to be felt alike by the workers whom years of experience have familiarized to the daily monotonous routine of missionary life, and the fresh spirits whose willing but unaccustomed hands are taking up the burdens that others, in their weakness, have laid down. A spirit of courage and hopefulness seems to characterize each worker. Undaunted by difficulties, undeterred by discouragements, over the rough as well as the smooth paths, they are quietly, but steadily pursuing their way. Nor do they labor in vain. Now one prejudice is yielding; anon another. In zenana and school-room the blessed light is penetrating, and results that eternity alone can estimate, even our handful of toilers are bringing to pass.

SICKNESS.

The malarial fever that broke out in Jellalore in August, 1883, left its sad impress on the Orphanage. The older and the younger succumbed to its fatal influence, and for months the school was broken up. We cannot be too thankful that Mrs. Smith has recovered from the effects of care and anxiety, and been able to resume her work with all her accustomed energy. But the removal of Miss Hooper has left her alone in this work. Her co-laborers are united in the opinion that she should have an assistant without delay. They understand far better than can we, the depressing influence of such an isolation as is hers. To pass days and weeks, and never look into the face of one of her own people, never feel the sympathy arising from the communion of friend with friend, must be a trial indeed. A trial to which we have no right to subject our workers. Inevitably health and spirits must succumb under such a strain. Realizing this, the Board, at its session at Ocean Park, voted to invite Miss Folsom to return and resume her work at the Orphanage.

Should the Parent Board* approve of this action, we trust that ere many months, the doors of the Orphanage will open to receive one who, in her former brief stay, endeared herself to the hearts of all.

Mrs. J. A. LOWELL.

* Since the writing of this report the action has been cordially approved by the Parent Board.

Reports of Home Secretaries.

[*Mrs. V. G. Ramsay for New England.*]

MORE than twenty-five centuries ago, a voice was heard crying, "Watchman, what of the night?" and from the watch-tower a pealing answer came back — an answer that has been echoed to all the listening and expectant generations that have followed — an answer that in the blackness of its midnight has saved the world from despair. "The morning cometh, and also the night," cried the prophetic voice — the morning of that blessed day when the light of the Sun of Righteousness shall illumine all lands, and the earth shall be full of the "knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." "The morning cometh," but not till the hours of darkness have passed. The night was black, and the dawning, through the dense clouds, has been slow, but now we hear the watchman crying,—

"The morning cometh, and the day — e'en now the shadows flee,
And flashing up the starless sky, the rising sun I see."

It has pleased God to place us in an era of such wonderful advancement that, as we cast our eyes back over the past fifty years — a period that comes within the memory of some of us — and see what He has wrought, we have almost the assurance of sight that the triumph of Christianity over all the earth is certainly and speedily to be accomplished. At the close of the eighteenth century the Christian church — including the Protestant Catholic and the Greek — numbered 200,000,000. In 1880 this number had increased to 410,000,000, making a gain greater than all the preceding eighteen hundred years. But the most cheering fact is the growth of the Protestant church. In these last fifty years this growth has been from 42,000,000 to 113,000,000, an increase of 170 per cent.— an increase that, if continued 150 years, will make her numbers greater than the present population of the earth. If we study the map of the world, we learn the significance and force of these figures. Look at India, our own mission field. Scarcely a hundred years ago, Henry Martyn said, "Should I see a Hindu converted I shall see something approaching a resurrection from the dead." Now it is believed that there are not less than 500,000 native evangelical Christians in that

land. These figures represent but a small part of the advantage gained. The Bible has been translated into its twenty-four languages. Millions of copies are circulated, and every leaf is a seed of truth, whose roots, as it springs up in the soil, undermine and destroy the foundations of the ancient and abominable idolatry.

Look at China. Within our memory covered with the blackness of darkness. Behold, the light gleams from a thousand points!

Look at Japan, where thirty years ago the law excluding Christianity was rigidly enforced. See its twelve churches in Tokio, and the Buddhist temples falling into decay. Look at the church at Komatsee, into whose walls are wrought 200 stones which had been used as missiles against the missionaries when they began their work in that city. Observe the apostolic zeal with which these converts go forth as missionaries to other lands. Shall we pause to glance at the Dark Continent, so long the land of untold horrors. The light of the Gospel is kindling in its very heart. Madagascar, and the palmy islands of the Pacific, pass before us. Within our day they have been lifted from the deepest degradation and misery, and placed in the family of civilized and Christian nations.

WHAT SAYS THE VOICE OF THIS WONDERFUL SUCCESS TO US?

Is it not a call to the charge that storms the citadels of heathenism? He who is not inspired to heroic action when victory perches on his standard, is a coward and a traitor. This wonderful success, and the wide-open doors, have stimulated the church to redoubled efforts, and these efforts are everywhere crowned with commensurate success. In the last eighty years the number of Foreign Missionary Societies has increased ten-fold, and the number of converts fifty-fold.

THIS GREATER INTEREST

has inaugurated new methods of work, and new laborers find place in the great harvest-field. The organization here represented, and the twenty-four other Woman's Missionary Societies, which fill so large a place, are proofs of this encouraging fact.

OUR ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY

finds us able to report a slow but steady progress in our

work. This is not a time for rest, or for retreat; but rather for a grand rally of all our forces, and for a faithful levy for recruits on the idlers without our camp. It is well said that "The missionary spirit is the Divine energy of the Gospel." Oh! that the Divine energy may pervade all our churches, and fill all our hearts, so that, instead of the little we have hitherto done, we may "attempt great things for God, and expect great things from God."

OUR MAGAZINE.

The *HELPER*, now in the seventh volume, has proved an invaluable help in our work. Commenced with fear and trembling, as a twenty-four page bi-monthly, it was increased to thirty-two pages. For two years it has been published as a monthly. It is proved that the price does not quite cover the cost since this change was made, but it is believed that a small addition to the price will place it on a better financial basis. It has had a steadily increasing circulation, the gain of the last year being about three hundred.

THE INCIDENTAL AND LITERARY FUNDS

still greatly need enlarging, and again we entreat our auxiliaries to remember the five cents extra for these purposes. This trifling sum from each member would be of great help in our work, and though ten times that amount might be used to advantage, the committees would feel very grateful if this sum was at their disposal.

BUREAU OF INTELLIGENCE.

Miss Anthony reports: "In detail the work is almost a counterpart of the past two or three years. It goes quietly forward, and with a fair degree of success, though with a feeling always that it is far below my hopes and intentions. I sometimes think longingly of the many-handed and headed creatures of the fairy tales, and wish I might be transformed into one of them, when I look at my work, for I have always so much that needs to be done, beyond what I can possibly accomplish. But leaving the things that are behind, we press forward with hope and courage."

OUR DISTRICT REPORTS.

We are still forced to confess that we are not able to get tabulated reports. But, hoping that this may be accom-

plished next year, we present an abstract of the reports which have been received.

MAINE.

PENOBSCOT YEARLY MEETING—PRESIDENT, MRS. E. HARDING, ELLSWORTH; SECRETARY, MRS. M. R. WADE, DOVER.

Q. M. Secretaries.

Aroostook, Mrs. ADDIE M. CHILDS, Exeter, Mrs. R. L. HOWARD, Bangor.
Fort Fairfield. Sebec, Mrs. M. R. WADE, Dover.
Ellsworth, Mrs. J. A. CHATTO, East Springfield, Mrs. S. A. GRAVES,
Surry. Springfield.

The secretary reports an increasing interest in the churches. In the larger part of the Quarterly Meeting regular work is done, and money systematically raised. Unhappily there are still many who neglect their duty, and forget their privilege in this great work. We want the help of all.

MAINE CENTRAL YEARLY MEETING—PRESIDENT, MRS. E. N. FERNALD; SECRETARY, MISS CLARA PURINGTON, WEST BOWDOINHAM.

This Yearly Meeting Society was organized September, 1883, and a strong impulse was given to the missionary spirit from the fact that one of their own number, a sister dearly beloved, had gone to the foreign field. We believe the interest has not declined, but the secretary writes that she cannot obtain the information necessary for a detailed report.

MAINE WESTERN YEARLY MEETING—PRESIDENT, MRS. J. M. REMICK, KNIGHTVILLE; SECRETARY, MRS. J. C. OSGOOD, SPRINGVALE.

This Yearly Meeting Society was organized under the Charter and new Constitution, at the session of the Yearly Meeting held in June, 1884, at Springvale. It is very gratifying to report that each of the four Quarterly Meetings is organized, and that all are actively at work.

Quarterly Meetings.	Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. Auxiliaries.	Bands.	Amount Raised.
Cumberland	Miss Hattie A. Deering, Portland....	25	4	2	\$129 22
Otisfield	Mrs. L. R. Barrows, East Otisfield...	14	7		97 18
Parsonsfield	Mrs. J. H. Brown, Limerick.....	14			
York Co.....	Mrs. F. C. Bradeen, North Berwick..	15	8	1	169 69

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

NEW HAMPSHIRE YEARLY MEETING — **PRESIDENT, MRS. G. C. WATERMAN, DOVER ; SECRETARY, —**

This Yearly Meeting Society was organized last June under the new Constitution and Charter, and we hope for it a future of honorable effort, and great usefulness. No statistics have been forwarded, but we are happy to know that there are earnest workers who are determined to perfect the Quarterly Meeting organizations, and to bring the sisters in the Yearly Meeting into our line of work.

VERMONT.

PRESIDENT, MRS. G. M. PRESCOTT, LYNDON CENTER ; SECRETARY, MRS. CHESTER DICKEY, WASHINGTON.

Number of Auxiliaries in Yearly Meeting	15
Number of members	150
Children's Bands	5
Children's Band members	40
Amount raised by Auxiliaries and Bands	\$262 07

The secretary writes hopefully in regard to our work in this state. She says: "Let the women of Vermont be made to know and feel what their duty is, and they will respond gladly to the call."

They purpose in the coming year to organize more completely, and are determined to push the work. That they may have a definite object, in which all can unite, they will assume the support of Mrs. Smith, at Jellasure, India.

MASSACHUSETTS.

This association has no organized Woman's society, but in nearly every church there is an auxiliary that is sending help and strength to our work. During the year it has suffered great loss in the death of its secretary, Mrs. T. H. Stacey, and in the removal of other efficient workers.

RHODE ISLAND.

PRESIDENT, MRS. L. DEXTER, BLACKSTONE, MASS. ; CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, MRS. G. S. ANDREWS, 281 WASHINGTON STREET, PROVIDENCE, R. I.

The secretary reports that though they have not made the advance they desired, they are steadily and successfully

at work. They have paid the salaries of Miss Hattie Phillips, in India, and Miss Franklin, at Harper's Ferry, besides some other work, having raised \$900. Our sisters in this association still lead us bravely; but they do not feel that they have reached the limits of their strength, or the measure of their duty. They are planning to push their work of organization more vigorously, and hope to engage every church, and to reach a large number of women who are now doing nothing for missions. There are twenty-one auxiliaries.

[*Miss Stockwell for the Interior.*]

MICHIGAN.

MICHIGAN YEARLY MEETING—PRESIDENT, MRS. A. M. LORD ;
SECRETARY AND TREASURER, MRS. M. M. KOON.

This Yearly Meeting has eight Quarterly Meetings doing organized mission work, yet only five have reported regularly during the past year. Hillsdale has nine auxiliaries and six bands. One addition to each has been made during the year. Genesee has one new auxiliary, and is doing good work. Grand Rapids evinces a lively interest in the mission cause. Van Buren increases in power, and remembers both home and foreign interests.

River Raisin, with its four small churches, reports two auxiliaries doing constant and timely work. Montcalm is not idle, and gives speed to the cause. Mr. Coldren is remembered, and sure tokens of interest in his work have been here made manifest.

Lansing is thoroughly imbued with missionary spirit, new auxiliaries having been organized, and general growth realized. The Lansing church supports a zenana teacher. It has a flourishing band, which has long been a faithful agency in its efforts.

ONTARIO.

There is no association mission society, yet the friends are working with that end in view, and trusting the day may speedily come when their combined efforts may give added strength. The North and South Zora and the Iona churches have organized auxiliaries, though but one of these is reported at work. The North Zora church supports a native missionary in India. A sister writes: "Our

people are more willing to give than ever before," and this is an omen of future expectations.

NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA.

THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION — SECRETARY, MRS. A. C. MCKOON.

Two of the eight Yearly Meetings of the Central Association have organizations.

HOLLAND PURCHASE YEARLY MEETING — PRESIDENT, MRS. A. D. BATES; SECRETARY AND TREASURER, MRS. S. L. PARKER, SHERMAN, NEW YORK.

This Yearly Meeting revived its old organization a year ago, and this year its public meeting was a success. Its Quarterly Meetings are reported as follows: Genesee society, which was organized nine years ago, has done much good work. Cattaraugus is little more than a year old, and not strong, but the interest is increasing. French Creek, organized one year ago, is doing well. Erie has no society, but expects each church to give an account of work done each quarter. Several of its churches are active. It is hoped that the Chautauqua will soon awaken, and take its place in the ranks.

GENESEE YEARLY MEETING.

It has no society, and but one Quarterly Meeting organization. The Rochester Quarterly Meeting reports itself at work. There are several church societies and many faithful workers, hence more united effort is looked for. Much home mission work has been done, in shape of building and repairing.

SUSQUEHANNA YEARLY MEETING.

This has three Quarterly Meeting societies. Gibson is having a revival of the mission enterprise in some of its churches, and at its last gathering made good pledges. Oswego sends no report, and little is known of its work, other than its public meetings are sustained and interesting. Spafford organized last February, and has interested members. Troy, partially organized the same month, is not strong.

NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA YEARLY MEETING.

Here are three Quarterly Meeting societies. No authorized report has been received from this Yearly Meeting, yet

we learn of some grand workers, with many indifferent ones.

The little St. Lawrence Yearly Meeting is enthusiastic in its mission work, and cheers and encourages by giving knowledge of its work. Jefferson sustains a Quarterly Meeting society, and has faithful workers.

In the Union Yearly Meeting, Chenango Quarterly Meeting has a society and several auxiliaries. Some of these are doing exceedingly well.

CENTRAL NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING — PRESIDENT, MRS. E. J. MORGAN; SECRETARY, MRS. M. A. HOOSE.

An interesting meeting was held in June. Acquaintance with Mr. and Mrs. Griffin stimulates many to do more than ever before for the cause. Oswego and Otsego have Quarterly Meeting societies, and several prosperous auxiliaries. Rensselaer and Whitestown some auxiliaries.

In the Pennsylvania Yearly Meeting only the Harrisburg and Bellevernon churches have auxiliaries, and these are doing real work.

Looking over the field we can see that actual progress is being made. Not "all along the line," and only a little of what we would gladly see, still enough to encourage us to be "steadfast and unmovable." The sixty five-dollar shares in Mrs. Griffin's salary are at last all taken. Most of them are by Sabbath schools and mission bands, or from churches that do little for the general cause. It is a gain not only in the dollars, but in the much-needed training to early systematic giving for God's cause.

OHIO.

OHIO ASSOCIATION — PRESIDENT, MRS. E. B. DAVIS; SECRETARY AND TREASURER, MRS. H. J. COE.

The third annual meeting of the Ohio Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society convened at Kipton, O., Sept. 3d and 4th.

The state of our treasury, one year ago, encouraged us to expect at this time a still larger surplus. This has not been realized, still we can report sufficient to pay the salary of our missionary, a share for Home Missions and Educational Society, and a small surplus. Some of our churches are showing increased interest, but progress is slow. Sys-

tematic organization is being forwarded, though this is now far from complete.

OHIO AND PENNSYLVANIA YEARLY MEETING — PRESIDENT, MRS. L. D. BOYNTON ; SECRETARY, MISS EVA COATES.

This is our best organized Yearly Meeting, there being five Quarterly Meeting societies and ten auxiliaries. Three valuable workers have left this Yearly Meeting during the year, and have entered other fields, where their efficient help will be felt. Ashtabula Quarterly Meeting has two auxiliaries, with good interest. Cleveland maintains its society, though out of its four churches the Cleveland church alone has an auxiliary. Other churches give assistance in sustaining meetings, and in contributions.

Crawford organized last December, and has one new auxiliary. Earnest laborers are found here, and this young society is already outdoing older ones in its contributions. Geauga and Portage give assistance, but do not sustain meetings. Washington, comprising Pennsylvania churches, is our model Quarterly Meeting. Its meetings are sure. Every church has an auxiliary, and its remittances are to be depended upon.

OHIO CENTRAL — PRESIDENT, MRS. F. REEDER ; SECRETARY, MISS L. ANDREWS.

All its Quarterly Meetings are doing mission work, and nearly all have organized societies. Its auxiliaries are in a flourishing condition.

Ohio Yearly Meeting sends neither report nor contribution.

OHIO RIVER YEARLY MEETING — SECRETARY, MRS. E. B. DAVIS.

Of its seven Quarterly Meetings, Athens, Gallia, and Meigs have societies. Athens reports three auxiliaries, Gallia three, and Meigs six. These societies have good workers and generous givers.

The other Quarterly Meetings are composed of weak churches, some of them not self-sustaining, and others, in West Virginia and vicinity, find plenty of mission work for Flemingston College and Harper's Ferry.

Letters from our missionary, Dr. Nellie Phillips, have been received, and distributed as widely as possible for use in missionary meetings. Total receipts for the year,

\$525.61. Fifty dollars have been appropriated for school work in India, under direction of Miss Phillips.

[*Mrs. Crosswell for the West.*]

In reviewing the year's work, I find that my report must necessarily appear meagre, as I am unable to get reports from every part of this large field. Though our work is not of the kind that shows well on paper, we still feel that there is great cause for rejoicing, and for thankfulness that God has stirred the hearts of so many to a deeper interest in the great work of sending to every part of the earth the knowledge of Him who makes the dark places light. The scattered condition of our churches, the long distance between them, renders the work of organization difficult, and yet by the earnest efforts of a few women this work goes steadily forward, and though there is so much home work to be done, they do not forget the still deeper need of those in the darkness of heathenism.

CLOSING REMARKS.

The experience of these eleven years gives us confidence in our plans and methods of work. We need to enlarge and perfect our organization, for in union there is strength; but let us remember that our vital want is the indwelling Spirit of Christ in all our hearts, moving us constantly to work with Him and for Him till He shall be king over all the earth.

Memberships and Scholarships.

The payment of \$1.00 constitutes a member for one year.

\$20.00 constitutes a life member.

\$25.00 supports an orphan for one year in India.

\$25.00 supports a zenana teacher one year in India.

Form of Bequest.

I GIVE and bequeath to the FREE BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, incorporated in the year 1883, under the laws of the State of Maine, the sum ofdollars, to be used for the purposes of said Society.

CORRECTION.— Please read *Eleventh* instead of *Tenth* on pages 1 and 3.

Treasurer's Report.

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE FREE BAPTIST
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, FOR THE YEAR ENDING
WITH AUGUST 30, 1884.

DR.

To cash on hand Aug 31, 1883.....	\$181 44
“ for Foreign Missions.....	\$571 38
“ “ zenana work.....	252 94
“ “ Mrs. D. F. Smith's salary and work	284 51
“ “ Miss Hattie Phillips' salary and	
work.....	550 20
“ “ Miss Ida Phillips' salary and work	241 32
“ “ Miss L. Coombs' salary.....	114 68
“ “ Miss Mary Bachelor's salary.....	130 99
“ “ ragged schools at Midnapore.....	155 03
“ “ Mrs. Burkholder's schools.....	87 00
“ “ zenana work at Midnapore.	73 65
“ “ Home Missions.....	98 29
“ “ Harper's Ferry.....	76 57
“ “ Miss Brackett's salary.....	62 00
“ “ Miss C. Franklin's salary.....	264 20
“ “ Western department.....	22 00
“ from interest on invested fund.....	37 25
“ for general work.....	1,479 77
(Total receipts for yearly appropriations, \$4,501.78.)	
To cash for Mrs. L. C. Griffin's work.....	50 50
“ “ Miss L. Coombs' zenana horse. ..	45 06
“ “ school building at Balasore.....	27 50
“ “ Industrial Home.....	10 00
“ “ Roger Williams Library in An-	
thony Hall.....	100 00
“ “ Lockwood Hall.....	5 00
“ “ Western work, by special act.....	105 29
“ “ Incidental fund.....	66 74
“ “ Working capital, given condition-	
ally, and to be called the “ Heb-	
berd Fund”.....	500 00
“ from savings bank.....	300 00
(Total for special appropriations, \$1,210.09.)	
Total Receipts.....	\$5,711 87
Total to account for.....	\$5,893 31

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By cash for Mrs. D. F. Smith's salary.....	\$400 00
“ “ Mrs. D. F. Smith's orphanage and	
schools.....	200 00
“ “ Miss Hattie Phillips' salary.....	400 00

Treasurer's Report.

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By cash for Miss Hattie Phillips' schools, etc.	100 00
" " Miss Ida Phillips' salary.....	329 25
" " Miss Ida Phillips' zenana and district work... ..	270 00
" " Miss L. Coombs' salary.....	400 00
" " Miss L. Coombs' traveling expenses to India	8 00
" " zenana work at Midnapore (which includes one quarter of last year's appropriation).....	250 00
" " Miss Mary Bachelor's return passage, etc.....	237 20
" " Miss Mary Bachelor's salary.....	246 00
" " Ragged schools.....	325 00
" " Mrs. J. Burkholder's schools.....	160 00
" " Miss L. Brackett's salary.....	400 00
" " Mrs. N. C. Brackett's salary.....	400 00
" " Miss C. Franklin's salary.....	300 00
" " Western department.....	10 13
" " printing reports.....	109 90

(Total on yearly appropriations, \$4,545.48.)

By cash for Mrs. L. C. Griffin's work	50 50
" " zenana horse for Miss Coombs..	45 00
" " school building at Balasore.....	27 50
" " Roger Williams Library in Anthony Hall	100 00
" " Lockwood Hall.....	5 00
" " Anthony Hall.....	1 00
" " Western work by special act.....	105 29
" " Incidental fund.....	80 89
" " Investment by Brinkerhoff & Faris of Missouri.....	800 00

(Total for special appropriations, \$1,215.24.)

Total disbursements	\$5.760 72
Cash on hand Aug. 30, 1884.	132 59

Total accounted for as above..... \$5.893 31

Of cash on hand there is due \$91.24.

INVESTMENTS.

Balance of note against Storer College.....	\$149 22
Deposited in Strafford Co. Savings Bank.....	122 73
Bond and mortgage of Carrol H. Johnson....	300 00
" " " Kate Schulte and husband, known as the "Hebberd Fund".....	500 00
Total working capital.....	\$1,071 95

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, *Treasurer.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly cast and well vouched, and the investments made as per statement.

Mrs. E. B. CHAMBERLIN, *Auditor.*

Receipts from the following sources :

Maine.....	\$1,796 89
New Hampshire	946 00
Rhode Island	903 74
Michigan.....	367 68
Massachusetts ...	333 83
Minnesota.....	205 33
New York.....	148 09
Vermont	130 85
Wisconsin.....	122 41
Illinois.....	82 13
Iowa.....	80 05
Ohio.....	60 53
Province of Quebec.....	39 30
West Virginia	33 57
Indiana.	25 98
Missouri.....	15 00
Dakota Territory.....	12 90
Florida	10 00
Kansas	5 00
New Jersey.....	2 09
Nevada.....	1 00
Nebraska.....	1 00
Interest.....	37 25
Savings Bank.....	300 00
Miscellaneous.....	51 25
Total receipts.....	\$5,711 87

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1885.

INDIA.

Midnapore.

Ragged Schools.....	\$325 00
Salary of Miss L. C. Coombs.....	400 00
Schools and Zenanas.....	200 00

Jellasure.

Salary of Mrs. D. F. Smith	400 00
Girls' Orphanage and schools.....	200 00
Salary of Miss Folsom.....	400 00

Bhimpore.

Teachers and schools (Mrs. Burkholder).....	160 00
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Balasore.

Salary of Miss Hattie F. Phillips.....	400 00
Zenanas.....	100 00
Salary of Miss Ida Phillips.....	400 00

Constitution.

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Schools and district work.....	\$270 00
Miss Bacheler (in America).....	200 00

Total for India.....\$3,455 00.

HARPER'S FERRY, WEST VA.

Salary of Mrs. L. Brackett Lightner.....	\$400 00
Salary of Miss C. Franklin.....	300 00
Other teachers, study room, etc.....	400 00

Total for Normal School.....\$1,100 00

Home Missions, West.....250 00

Total.....\$4,805 00

Constitution.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

THIS organization shall be called the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The object of this Society shall be to extend the Christian religion and its blessings, more especially among women and children, by sending and supporting missionaries and teachers, and by establishing schools and churches in Free Baptist fields, and for this purpose to enlist and unite the efforts of women in forming auxiliary societies.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

The payment of \$1.00 per year shall constitute membership, and \$20.00 life membership.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, a Vice-President from each Yearly Meeting or Association Society, who shall be the same person as is the President of a Yearly Meeting or Association Society, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, two or more Home Secretaries, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, when needed, an Auditor, who, with thirteen other women, shall constitute a Board of Managers, seven of whom may form a quorum. These officers shall be elected annually, and shall hold their offices till others are elected and qualified.

ARTICLE V.

RELATIONS TO OTHER SOCIETIES.

This Society shall act as an associate worker with the F. B. Foreign Mission Society and the F. B. Home Mission Society, and no missionary shall be sent to India without the approval of the F. B. Foreign Mission Society.

ARTICLE VI.

MEETINGS.

The Annual Meeting shall be held in the month of October, due notice of time and place being given by the Recording Secretary, who shall also call special meetings when so directed by the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE VII.

CHANGES.

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting, notice of said change having been given in writing at a previous annual meeting.

By-Laws.

ARTICLE I. — DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

1. The President shall perform all duties usual to such office, and shall also be the president of the Board of Managers.
2. The Vice-Presidents, who are the presidents of Y. M. and Association societies, shall perform the duties usual to such office. The one who is president of the Y. M. Society in which the meeting of this Society is held, shall, in absence of the President, perform her duties. They are also members of the Board of Managers.
3. The Recording Secretary shall also be secretary of the Board of Managers, and shall read the minutes of all sessions of the Board of Managers, at the Annual Meeting of the Society, for its approval. She shall apprise members of committees of their appointment, and shall perform all other duties usual to such office.
4. The Foreign Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the official correspondence with the missionaries and teachers, both at home and abroad, and keep on file letters and papers. She shall call meetings of the Board of Managers, duly notify each member, when she deems necessary, or when requested by not less than five members of the Board, and present to the Society an annual report.
5. The Home Corresponding Secretaries shall have oversight of the work of the Society as relates to organization, securing the formation, as far as possible, of Y. M., Q. M., and Auxiliary societies. They shall conduct correspondence with the Corresponding Secretary of these societies, and present to the Society an annual report.

6. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of money, and present a detailed report which has been accepted by the Board of Managers, at each annual meeting of the Society. She shall pay no bills except by vote of the Board, which vote shall be signed by the Recording Secretary. She shall also give a bond satisfactory to the Board.

7. The Board of Managers shall select and appoint missionaries, designate their fields of labor, appropriate the funds in the treasury, fill vacancies in the offices of the Society when any occur, and execute such other business as may be necessary for accomplishing the object of the Society.

ARTICLE II. — STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. *A Publication Committee* of seven shall be appointed annually, who shall have in charge tracts, leaflets, books, and our magazine. Their special duties shall be assigned them by the Board of Managers, and they shall report annually to the Society.

2. *Bureau of Intelligence.*— This department of work is designed to afford a medium of circulating missionary intelligence among Auxiliaries and churches. It shall be under the care of a committee of two persons, who shall have power to enlarge their number when needed. They shall report annually to the Society.

3. *Advisory Committee (in India).*— The missionaries of this Society in India shall constitute an Advisory Committee, regularly organized. Business requiring action of the Board of Managers shall be communicated through their secretary: this shall include requests for furloughs to return home, and any possible resignation of missionaries. In consultation with other missionaries whose work we assist, it shall ascertain and recommend the proportionate amount of money needed for the work at the several stations, the Secretary forwarding this basis of appropriation with the annual reports of the several missionaries to the Corresponding Secretary of the Society by July 1st, annually.

ARTICLE III. — SPECIAL OBJECTS.

1. *Incidental Fund.*— This fund is designed for the payment of necessary expenses of special meetings of the Board of Managers, traveling expenses of delegates and committees, and for postage, stationery and printing of the officers of the general Society. Its disbursements shall be under control of the Board of Managers.

2. *Working Capital.*— The interest of this fund is designed to be used for the general work of this Society, and the fund itself only as security for obtaining money to meet emergencies. The money borrowed on this security is to be returned before new appropriations are made. This capital shall be invested in safe securities by the Treasurer, under direction of the Board.

CHANGES.

These By-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Society, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS.

STATIONS.	SCHOOLS.	Christian Pupils.	Hindus.	Moham- medans.	Santals.	Total Pupils.
Balasore.....	Boys' Middle Vernacular School.....	36	39	7		82
"	Girls' Lower Vernacular	42				42
"	Zenana Schools.....		69	3		72
"	Eight Primary Schools for Girls.....		171	14		185
Jellasore....	The Girls' Orphanage, Middle Vernacular.....	56	44	1		101
"	One Village Primary School.....		20			20
Santipore....	The Christian Village Primary School.....	38	25		15	78
"	Four Village Primary Schools.....		52		27	79
Midnapore..	The Industrial School, Higher Primary	25	29	18	24	96
"	The Zenana Schools.....	1	153	10		164
"	Twelve Ragged Schools.....	13	453	35		501
"	The Bible School.....	*58				58
Bhimpore....	The Santal Training School.....	29	2		73	104
"	Sixty-two Santal Village Schools.....	43	47		1397	1,487
Palásbani...	Four Village Primary Schools.....	7	49		42	97
Bábatgádiá..	Three Village Primary Schools.....	7	70		3	80
Dantoon....	One Village Primary School.....	5	30			35
"	Zenana Pupils.....		11			11
		360	1,264	88	1,580	3,292

* This includes the students' wives and a few other women.

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